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East B Hill Road closed for lack of truck to plow it

A five-mile stretch of the East B Hill Road between Andover and Upton has been closed for the winter following an accident two weeks ago in the Upton Highway Department's only heavy-duty plow truck.

For the past several years Upton has maintained the road during the winter, under a contract from the Oxford County Commissioners, who are responsible for it.

The road was closed and barricaded on Dec. 16, County Commissioner Norman Ferguson said, after the commissioners were unsuccessful in attempts to find a private contractor to plow it.

A number of contractors were approached, Commissioner Ferguson said, but none would commit to plowing the road promptly after a storm and at a fee that the county could afford.

Considerations of public safety led to the road being barricaded, the commissioner said. "That's an extremely treacherous and isolated piece of road. If an accident occurred, it's quite possible that someone would perish before they could get help."

"We didn't want to close it," the commissioner said. "Closing the road adds 45 minutes to an hour to the driving time between the towns. If we can find someone to take care of it in an adequate manner, we'll reopen it."

Commissioner Ferguson praised the job Upton has done on the road, and help may be on the way from that direction.

Upton First Selectman Richard LeComte said that damage to the truck is being assessed, and if it is not too expensive to repair it, Upton would consider resuming plowing the road.

"The question of the board of selectmen is that we would like to do it if we can do it properly. If we can't, we won't," he said.

"That's one of the toughest roads in Maine to maintain," the selectman said. "It's a source of constant complaints from people, and I've spent many sleepless nights wondering what's going on up there."

The accident to the plow truck occurred when the truck lost its air pressure, he said. They went for a ride. "The driver came very close to keeping the truck on the road, Selectman LeComte said, but at the bottom of a hill it rolled over.

Neither the driver nor his wingman was seriously injured in the accident.

W. Paris planners near completion of revisions on Comprehensive Plan

The West Paris Planning Board hopes to complete its revisions to the town's Comprehensive Plan by the end of January, but the updated plan will not contain provisions for a building permit process, according to Planning Board Chairman David Walton.

Mr. Walton characterized the current plan, which was adopted in 1977, as "a nice piece of work for that time." But he noted that the only changes to the plan in the past 10 years have been the addition of a mobile home park ordinance and state-mandated shoreland zoning.

In revising the plan, the Planning Board has looked closely at the town's situation regarding shoreland zoning, Mr. Walton said, especially since much of the undeveloped land in the town is on the Little Androscoggin River or Andover or Moose Pond brooks.

The board does not plan major modifications to the shoreland zoning ordinance, Mr. Walton said, but it does plan to take a strong stand in interpreting the basic state guidelines.

Neither does the board plan to propose significant changes in other areas of the comprehensive plan, Mr. Walton said. Board members have focused their efforts instead on "polishing existing ordinances so that they can be useful as far as setting limits goes."

Building permits, which town voters have consistently resisted in the past, will not be a part of the new plan, Mr. Walton said.

He characterized the lack of permits as "real awkward, especially for people who plan to build new homes," but said the priority now was to update the plan and have it accepted by the town.

"You've got to take it one step at a time," he said.

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Sudbury Inn receives permit, plus warning on patron parking sins

The Sudbury Inn's request for an entertainment permit renewal, which has been on hold for months due to neighbors' complaints about noise and parking problems, was granted by the Board of Selectmen Monday night, following a public hearing on the matter.

The chief opponents of granting the entertainment permit to the Main Street establishment had been Clark Street residents Linda and Bob Saunders. They had complained about the noise coming from bands in the new subterranean lounge.

Monday night, Mr. Saunders said, "The new manager has generally found a way to get the noise down to an acceptable level. The biggest contributor to noise now is people leaving the Sudbury."

Mrs. Saunders said, "We find that we're still having problems with parking," by Sudbury patrons in the Saunders' lot.

June Grieg, a neighbor on Main Street, also complained about Sudbury patrons parking overnight on Main Street despite the winter parking ban, and parking in her driveway. But, she said, "I don't see why parking on Main Street should be David's problem" (referring to David Thurston, owner of the inn). "I think the town has an obligation to keep the street clear."

Mr. Saunders added, "The [entertainment] ordinance does clearly call for [having] a uniformed officer to control parking. I am asking that the ordinance be enforced."

Selectman Chairman Arlan Jordy admitted the ordinance does call for the person putting on the entertainment to hire an officer to control the crowd and the parking. But, he said, "It did not work well [in the past] and we just didn't enforce it."

Mrs. Grieg wanted to know why the winter parking ban was not being enforced. Town Manager Volney Lynch replied that it is town policy to first find the drivers and warn them. Only if that doesn't work will the town have the vehicles towed. "The first thing is to work with the owner," he said.

One of the owners of the newly opened Backstage Restaurant and Lounge, Harry Faulkner, told the selectmen, "I would hope the board recognizes the efforts the Sudbury Inn has made [in terms of controlling noise and providing ample parking]." And Norma Jordy responded, "I agree."

Following the public hearing, the selectmen voted 4-0 Selectman Victor Coolidge already having departed for work to grant the renewal of the permit, with the proviso that the inn owners work to ensure that patrons do not park where they shouldn't, such as on Main Street or in the Saunders' parking lot. "I think it is up to Puzay [David Thurston] to police who parks in front of his establishment," said Selectman Pat Doon, who made the motion.

The renewal is good until Oct. 31, 1988. The situation at the inn will be reviewed by March 20, according to the terms of the renewal imposed by the selectmen.

Single-family home subdivision might be changed to townhouses

The Glover Development Corporation—one of whose principals is George Forbes, of Newry and Marlborough, Mass.—is negotiating to purchase Barker Mountain Village, in Newry.

The subdivision of the Sunday River Road was originally planned for 12 single-family homes. The prospective owner intends to build 16 townhouse units on the property if he purchases it, according to a spokesman.

The developer's plans call for each unit to have 1,700 square feet of living space and 1,000 square feet of basement space. Each unit will have vaulted ceilings and oversized garages. Each unit will have three bedrooms and two full baths.

The spokesman said the developer is presently conducting a market survey to see if there is strong enough demand for such units, which he describes as year-round homes or investments. The developer anticipates applying for necessary permits in the near future, the spokesman said.

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LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW. It didn't bother this group, who serenaded the crowd at Woodstock's Christmas tree lighting last Wednesday night. The carolers, left to right: Bill Riley, Bertha Benoit, Richard Felt, Ernestine Riley, Brandy Russo and Edson Hathaway. The event was sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Joanne Goulet)

Mother Nature finally steps in with white Christmas for area

Just when things were looking bleak—not to mention grey and brown and barren—Mother Nature deposited about six inches of snow on local fields and forests last Wednesday and a similar amount this past weekend to ensure a white Christmas.

For local ski areas, which received more than the villages, it was a perfect Christmas gift. Although the skiways had been making snow, the general appearance of the mountains was brown with white roadways of snow on the slopes. Getting snow in the woods will also benefit the cross-country skiing, which had been difficult after the remnants of the Thanksgiving Day snowstorm disappeared.

Special events planned at local skiways over the holiday period include:

- Dec. 24: Staffed Skiing Day, at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes;

- Dec. 25: Ski with Santa, at Sunday River Ski Resort;

- Dec. 26-Jan. 2: Holiday Weekend Celebration, at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes;

- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve gala, at Sunday River Ski Resort;

- Jan. 1: 1988 Champagne Cup, at Sunday River Ski Resort;

- Jan. 2: Junior Races Program begins, at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes.

Skiers who would like to receive a complete 1987/88 calendar of ski events, along with the monthly Ski Maine newsletter, may call 236-8645, or send their names and addresses to the Ski Maine Association, 21 Elm St., Camden, Maine 04810.

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Landfill user fees rising once again for nearby towns

Bethel officials are preparing to once again markedly increase the fees they charge neighboring towns for the use of Bethel's landfill.

At Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting, Town Manager Rodney Lynch said he would like to see the fee charged Newry increase by 50 to 100 percent. This year Newry is paying \$20,000 for use of Bethel's rapidly-filling-up landfill.

Mr. Lynch told the selectmen, "When setting the flat assessment fee for the Town of Newry, the continual growth in Newry and its impact upon the landfill should be taken into consideration." He said the construction at the Sunday River skiway accounts for much of the trash at the landfill. He said he notices "an awful lot" of construction debris at the landfill these days, which he associates with Sunday River.

Mr. Lynch told the selectmen that the costs of closing out the landfill and looking for an alternative for the town's trash continue to rise. Despite \$50,000 budgeted for the landfill, the account is expected to be \$17,000 in the red by the end of the fiscal year, he said. Just recently the town had to pay \$37,000 for clay cover material for one of the trash cells.

Bethel has been assessing users of the landfill more and more for the past few years. Back in 1985 (Bethel's fiscal 1986), neighboring towns paid just a few thousand dollars to use the landfill. In 1986 this was hiked to \$12,500 for Newry, \$4,375 for Hallowell, and \$558 for Mason and Albany (paid by Oxford County).

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Increasing odds for Megabucks seems a bad bet

The odds are long against finding many local people in favor of making it more difficult to win the Megabucks jackpot—as proposed by the state lottery commission.

It appears that despite protests, including a resolution by the state Legislature, the game's overseers will go ahead with their plan to raise the jackpot—and the odds—in January. Local merchants with Megabucks machines are not pleased. Neither, they report, are their customers.

Cindy Cox, at Bob's Corner Store in Locke Mills, reports that many of the store's regular Megabucks players have threatened to swear off the lottery if the odds are raised.

Jerry DeShon, co-owner of the Trap Corner Store, finds similar sentiments among West Paris players. She is a bit skeptical, however, about their resolve. "They all say that they're going to stop," she said, "but we'll have to wait and see whether they really do."

Ann Patten, manager of Prim's Pharmacy in Bethel, echoed the opinions of her fellow vendors when she said she thought decisions on the game should be made by the voters.

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HOLIDAY HOURS AT CITIZEN

The Citizen office will close at noon on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31. The office will be closed Christmas, Friday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1.

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Opinions

'Tis the season to be greedy

Doing their best to kill the goose that laid the golden egg, the Tri-State Lottery Commission is about to increase the pool of numbers a person must pick from to win the Tri-State Megabucks jackpot. Heretofore a bettor had to pick six numbers out of 36; beginning Jan. 10, 1988, a bettor will have to pick six numbers out of 40.

This is not the end of the world, but it does make betting on the Megabucks pool an even less-satisfying endeavor.

Megabucks dealers interviewed by The Citizen report that their customers are solidly against increasing the odds. But the bureaucrats—and out-of-state businessmen who run the game—see nothing but more money flowing into state coffers as the odds against winning go up and the jackpots thereby accumulate and grow larger week after week.

"The larger jackpots seem to influence the players," a Maine Lottery Commission spokesman told The Citizen. He said the commission was not disturbed by grumblings among the ranks of bettors. "We haven't projected any drop-outs," he said.

Last fiscal year the Megabucks game grossed \$32 million in Maine alone. The spokesman said game officials project a 25 percent increase in this figure when the numbers jump from 36 to 40.

In comparison, Massachusetts runs its megabucks with six numbers out of 36. On the other hand, New York's game requires picking six from 48.

Judging from the sampling of local opinion, however, six out of 36 was just right for Maine. The Legislature felt the same way and passed a law stating the numbers should remain as they are. But unless New Hampshire and Vermont pass similar laws, the Maine Legislature's action means nothing. And the spokesman said he does not expect the neighboring states to take any such action.

That means the lottery commission's new year's gift to Megabucks players will be 40 bits of bad news. Read 'em and weep. *bfw*

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

At this time of year when the nation's capital is aglow with holiday lights and the season's spirit of love, peace and goodwill, I'm always reminded of another special kind of love. And that is the way in which Foster Grandparents give so generously to children with special needs. These children include those youngsters who are at risk of losing their lives to drugs and alcohol.

For decades, I have supported the Foster Grandparent Program. I have seen hundreds of "grandparents" working with youngsters in schools, hospitals, juvenile detention centers, shelters for neglected children and homes for the mentally retarded. If there is one place where the holiday spirit truly shines all year, it's in the hearts of these senior volunteers and the relationships with their "grandchildren."

Foster Grandparents often reach children who may seem unreachable. They bring hope and light to youngsters who have known only confusion and loneliness. Yet the volunteers will tell you that they benefit as much as the children. Their service brings them the chance to give and learn and grow as well as a wonderful sense of satisfaction. I have never seen another program where the old and the young benefit so much from one another.

During this holiday season, as we pray for peace and thank God for the gift of love and our precious freedom, let us also open our hearts to children who are threatened by the horrors of substance abuse. At this most appropriate time, I ask every citizen to join in helping our Foster Grandparents touch more young lives at risk. You can help fulfill our dream that in holiday seasons to come, the faces of all America's children will shine with love and laughter, and their lives will be drug and alcohol free.

Nancy Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

To the Editor:

Christmas is sharing our love with family and friends, both old and new. Christmas is for exchanging holiday greetings on the street and many good wishes, too.

Christmas is love, giving gifts and showing appreciation to all those everyday people who help us out all through the year, but never get more than a crisp thank you.

Christmas is reminiscing about old times, other Christmases, when we were young and full of laughter and fun, but also remembering the sad times, like losing those we love; they may be gone from sight, but their spirit is always with us.

Mostly, Christmas is the celebration of Christ the Lord, the one birth that gave all men life.

When the road gets rocky, we still have

To the Editor:

I am writing concerning an article published in The Bethel Citizen on Dec. 2. The article states that more bears were killed this year than last, "due to guides hunting with dogs for the benefit of hunters from southern New England and as far away as the mid-Atlantic states." It goes on to state, "A number of bears brought in were no bigger than large cubs."

After reading this report, I am appalled to learn that few regulations exist regarding bear hunting. By law, the guide may use up to four dogs, and no limit exists on the number of kills permitted between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30. That the State of Maine continues to allow bear hunting with dogs and sanctions the killing of cubs is archaic and unconscionable.

Hunting with dogs and killing the young of any animal is cruel, unfair and cannot be considered "sportsmanlike." After witnessing a raccoon hunt, I have seen, firsthand, how cruel the use of dogs can be. Once the dogs have "treed" the raccoon, the hunter(s) shoots the animal which forces it out of the tree and into the pack of dogs. If the animal is still alive, it is "finished off" by either dog or hunter.

The bear is hunted in the same manner and is also forced to suffer from the threat of baying dogs and imposing hunters before it is finally shot and killed. This suffering is intensified when the sow has the added confusion of protecting her cubs.

That this type of hunting is done primarily for the "benefit" of non-residents implies that the bear is not killed for its meat, but killed instead for the economic gain of the guide and to satisfy the "trophy hunter" mentality of his paying customer.

Without restrictions on age or sex, this unlimited killing of bear lowers its chance of reproduction. Maine's laws protect and regulate the population of deer, moose and other game animals. Why is the bear deprived of this right?

In the past four years, I have time and again picked up the newspaper to read about "vigilantes," "snakes," "poison colors," "traps," and now "hunting with dogs." These practices are the result of ignorance, and Maine's precious wildlife cannot continue to suffer the consequences of this ignorance.

I urge other concerned individuals to contact their state representative and/or the Maine Animal Coalition. Laws can be changed.

Donna Lacey-Derstone
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Greenwood

good memories of good times, and nobody can take those away from us.

Jacqueline Crockett Libby
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As I see it . . .

AIDS: a frightening reality

Only six years ago most Americans had never heard of AIDS. As recently as 1981, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, was an unknown term to policymakers and even to most medical experts. In the short time since then, however, the extraordinary suffering, deaths and fear that the disease has caused have awakened many of us to a frightening reality.

Close to 23,000 Americans have died from AIDS in the last six years. War heroes, lawyers, doctors, professional athletes, artists, a Congressman and a bishop have been among the victims.

AIDS is caused by a virus that can be passed from one person to another chiefly through sexual contact or through the sharing of needles used for "shooting" drugs. The virus attacks the immune system, rendering the victim incapable of fighting off other diseases.

While the vast majority of those infected with AIDS fall into so-called "high-risk" groups such as homosexuals and drug users, there has been increased concern recently about the spread of the virus by heterosexual transmission and by other types of contact with infected persons.

There is no cure for AIDS and no vaccine to prevent it. AIDS symptoms can take up to 10 years to develop, and persons who carry the virus, but who show no signs of infection, can unknowingly spread the virus to others. It is thought that at least 30 to 50 percent of those exposed to the virus will develop the disease within five to 10 years.

In light of these disheartening facts, what can the government do? How can Congress, in particular, act to lessen the suffering and prevent the epidemic from becoming a greater public health disaster? Unfortunately there are no simple, ready answers to these questions.

Our first priority must be to provide further research support to find an AIDS vaccine and to improve methods of treatment. Medical experts have been able to isolate the virus responsible for the disease and to develop a test to screen the nation's blood supply for the presence of the virus. Effective treatment of the disease, however, appears to be years away.

Congress has recognized the need for expanding federal funding for basic research and for education and information activities. Appropriations for this fiscal year total close to \$500 million.

I am currently supporting legislation that would enable the government to play an even more active role in the fight to halt the spread of AIDS. Among other things, this proposal would declare AIDS a public health emergency and authorize research personnel for the Centers of Disease Control, the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration.

It would also provide assistance to state and local governments and to public and nonprofit organizations for carrying out programs, projects and activities relating to AIDS. The training of health professionals and the development of public education on AIDS prevention are two key priorities.

To prevent this problem from overwhelming our health care system and endangering greater numbers of Americans, we must act quickly to strengthen the government's hand in its effort to stem the tide of suffering and death.

Concern and caution are certainly justified. Fear or panic, though, will only interfere with the best efforts of governments, public health workers, and individuals to fight the spread of the disease. We must not allow this disease to overcome our values, our ethics, our reason and our compassion.

—Bill Cohen, U.S. Senator

To the Editor:

The Telstar National Honor Society wishes to thank all those who contributed to the fifth annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens. The donations of food, money, and time helped to make the meal the most successful one yet.

Once again we would like to say thank-you.

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From Augusta

There are many issues waiting in the wings for January's legislative session, but few are receiving as much advance attention as the issue of managing Maine's rapid growth and development.

Once considered to be a southern Maine issue, growth management has escalated to be a critical statewide concern. While Maine population centers wrestle with the problems of affordable housing, traffic congestion, strained municipal services and sprawling condominiums, our rural areas are threatened by the land prospectors, destruction of wildlife habitat and the undermining of resource-based industries, such as fishing, agriculture and forest products.

Even the experts have been surprised by the widespread interest in growth management. Hearings conducted by the Legislative Committee on Land Conservation and Economic Development, in Houlton, Sanford, Ellsworth and Augusta, have attracted hundreds upon hundreds of concerned citizens. There is no better way to understand the growth management issue than to listen to the comments of those who take the time to attend these meetings.

Nancy Ross, of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, said: "Farmers are asking, why am I farming when I could make more money selling my land and living off the interest?"

Kenneth Stratton, a land use consultant, "Blowing up the bridge at Kittery is not the answer either. The fact is that growth will take place in the State of Maine. Now let's decide what we want it to be and make sure that it is compatible with the environment."

Shawn O'Brien, Donnell Pond Preservation Committee, "Land is being viewed as a commodity, a piece of merchandise to be bought and sold, by today's carpetbaggers."

Brian Kent, Litchfield Planning Board: "Maine parcels can be cut up into ever smaller parcels forever. Subdivision regulations and zoning can only make the parcels pretty and uniform in size. Land speculation companies will continue to 'cut and run'."

Bob Dunfee Jr., Dunfee Properties: "Many Maine citizens are blaming real estate developers for the numerous problems which Maine is facing, but many, if not most, of these problems could have been avoided if Maine towns and cities had the necessary long-range planning and creative planning tools in place."

The hearings have revealed a general agreement that long-range planning is required to protect our communities from uncontrolled growth, but there are sharp differences in opinion about how this long-range planning will be initiated. Some argue that an increased state role is necessary to help small towns fight off the pressures applied by large development organizations with unlimited resources. They claim that local, part-time planning boards are not able to contend with the highly financed legal staffs of development corporations. In many cases, they say a total reliance on local control means the loss of any control at all.

On the other hand, Maine has a long tradition of local control and many town officials are reluctant to accept marching orders from the state. They argue that development goals should be determined in the local town hall, rather than by someone, somewhere in the state bureaucracy.

The challenge facing the Legislature will be to create a balanced approach to growth management—one that recognizes the need for long-range planning and protects our tradition of local control.

I will keep you informed as this important issue unfolds. I hope that you will contact me with your questions and comments.

Sen. R. Donald Twitchell

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The Constitution and religion

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Despite pious protestations about separation of church and state, mixing religion and politics is as American as apple pie. Alexis de Tocqueville, the French jurist who traveled the United States in the 18th century, wrote in "Democracy in America," "Religion in America takes no direct part in the government of society, but it must be regarded as the first of their political institutions; for if it does not impart a taste for freedom, it facilitates the use of it. . . . The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other."

[The framers of the Declaration of Independence made frequent references to the Divine. They spoke of the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," they declared that "all men are created equal," and they were endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights. They appealed to "the Supreme Judge of the world" and expressed their "firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence."]

The Constitution does not expressly mention God, except for the reference to the "Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven." But the framers of the Constitution were men of strong faith, mostly Christian faith. Their views of law and government, and these views found their way into the Constitution.

[Emilio Castelar, president of the Republic of Spain in the 1870s, noted that the republican movement is based on "a book of a primitive society: the Bible." About two-thirds of the colonial population came from a Calvinist background, and the Founding Fathers were so influenced by that background that the German historian Ranke claimed that "John Calvin was the virtual founder of America." George Bancroft, perhaps the leading American historian of the 1890s, meanwhile, called Calvin the "father of America," and added: "He who will not honor the memory and respect the influence of Calvin knows but little of the origin of American liberty."]

Congress recognized the influence of the Bible upon our Founding Fathers when, in 1982, it passed a resolution declaring 1983 the "Year of the Bible." Part of that resolution declared that "Whereas Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States . . .

One such concept is the equality of man. Scripture makes clear that "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34); the Old Testament law strictly commanded the judges not to show partiality to either rich or poor. Men are not equal in possessions or ability, but all are equal before God and before the law. This equality is clearly and elegantly stated in the Declaration and implied in the Constitution, though the struggle to implement this equality is still not fully realized.

Another concept is God-given natural rights. One need not be a Jew or a Christian to believe in human rights; but the concept of human rights has its origin in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The basis of human rights is the conviction that man is created in the image of God, that this gives man dignity, and that certain human rights attach to that dignity. When Jefferson wrote that all men are "endowed by their creator with certain

unalienable rights," he used language that Christians and Deists could share. But what is the source of human rights without a creator God? If man is merely the result of a naturalistic evolutionary process, on what basis can we say that he has rights? Do apes have rights? Where do rights come from, if not from God? Jefferson put it well: "God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time. . . . Can the liberties of a nation be sure basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that those liberties are the gift of God?"

A third principle is government by the "consent of the governed." The belief that the people form a government, rather than having a government forced upon them, is found in the Preamble of the Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union. . . . They were simply following the Puritan concept of covenant government. [Certainly some of the framers read Locke's writings about the social contract; but in Locke's two treatises on civil government he quoted the Bible more than 100 times, and he took his view of social contract largely from the Puritan thinkers Richard Hooker and Samuel Rutherford. As Locke and the framers clearly recognized, social contract meant that government had only such limited, delegated powers as the people give to the government in the Constitution.]

The problem still remained of how to implement these concepts of equality, human rights, and government by consent in a world of sinful men. Unlike the French freethinkers, our framers held no illusions that men are good or perfectible. They held the Biblical view of man as a sinner, and they knew that any successful government must be based on a realistic view of the nature of man. [As Madison asked in "Federalist Paper No. 51," "But what is government itself but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: You must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place, oblige it to control itself."]

The framers knew that men cannot live in a state of anarchy; government that is too weak results in chaos. They also knew that, as Lord Acton said, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely." Just as fallen power cannot be trusted with unlimited freedom, so fallen rulers cannot be trusted with unlimited power. The solution was to limit government power—by setting forth carefully delineated powers in the Constitution and reserving others to the states; by separating powers between executive, legislative and judicial branches; and checks and balances between the various branches and levels of government.

The framers further knew something that we have forgotten—that lasting freedom requires self-discipline and self-restraint. The framers saw religion, chiefly the Christian religion, as that source of self-discipline which imparts a sense of virtue to man and thereby enables him to live in a free society.

Can our system of government survive in a society that has rejected the Judeo-Christian tradition and the principles it represents? In this bicentennial year of the Constitution, we would do well to ponder the words of John Adams: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."

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Landfill fees

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Newry, \$4,813 for Hanover and \$1,032 for Oxford County.

The selectmen seemed to be in agreement with raising the assessment to Newry by the percentages favored by the town manager (50-100 percent) but said they would not want to see Hanover's assessment jump markedly since the town has not evidenced much growth.

The board also looked at the amounts being paid by neighboring towns for fire protection and ambulance service. The Bethel ambulance serves Albany, Mason and Gilead, while the Bethel Fire Department provides protection for Newry and Albany and Mason.

The town manager indicated he will be coming back to the selectmen with requests for increases in all these assessments.

The assessments must be voted on by the selectmen in order to present them to the selectmen of the neighboring towns so that they can include them—or not include them—in their town meeting warrants. Whereas Bethel is on a fiscal year, with town meeting in June, the neighboring towns operate on calendar years, with town meetings mostly in March.

In other matters, following a closed door interview session with applicants for positions on the newly formed Beautification Committee, the selectmen appointed Carol Nielsen, Lynda Chandler, Eric Schwarz, Tom Wheeler and Fred Burk.

The selectmen also voted to reduce the amount of the letter of credit of the Eden Ridge subdivision from \$20,000 to \$20,000, since much of the work the letter was guaranteeing has been successfully accomplished.

The selectmen, on a 5-0 vote, agreed to spend \$3,380 for two new police radios. One radio will be for the new cruiser—expected to arrive in February. The other radio is a portable, scanning unit, to be carried by a patrolman.

Megabucks

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left to the people who voted for it in the first place.

"It's lousy," she said, "I just don't think that they have the right to keep raising the odds without giving us a chance to vote on it."

Like the others, she said she thought that the move would be counterproductive.

"I think that anyone with common sense can see that people play because they think that they have a chance to win," she said. "For example, we're selling a lot more instant tickets since they added more small winners."

"Especially in a low income area like this, where people are willing to work for \$8,000 a year, it just doesn't make sense to raise the pot and lower the odds," Mrs. Patten said. "With the chances of winning getting rarer and rarer, Megabucks just isn't the fun it was when we first started out with it."



ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S K-3 students took part in the school's Christmas concert last Thursday night, singing "Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas." A large crowd turned out for the concert, in which everyone—including faculty and staff—participated. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

America at Christmas

Christmas is commonly regarded as bringing out both the best and worst in the American character. At its best, the season brings forth a tremendous outpouring of support for worthy charities, ranging from the Salvation Army to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

At its worst, the season is plagued by unbridled (and sometimes unscrupulous) commercial activities, as stores and manufacturers seek to convince the public to buy their products with a barrage of advertisements.

What many fail to realize, however, is that this apparently paradoxical combination of vigorous economic activity and individual compassion is nothing new. Indeed, it is as old as the Republic itself. And it has proved to be a key source of America's greatness.

No one was more perceptive in recognizing this fact than Alexis de Tocqueville, the young French magistrate who traveled to the United States over a century ago in 1831. His nine-month visit formed the basis of the monumental book *Democracy in America*, which is widely regarded as the best book ever written on American democracy.

What characterized Americans for Tocqueville was not so much our economic equality as our firm conviction that under the right circumstances we are equally likely as anyone else to climb the next rung of the economic and social ladder. In America, all citizens are invited to share in the hope of economic betterment.

This belief on the part of the citizenry gives rise to enthusiasm for commercial activity. The absence of a perceived class structure inspires everyone to increase their piece of the economic pie. Accordingly, Tocqueville found that Americans in 1831 like Americans to-

day) were profoundly business-minded, fiercely industrious, and in constant pursuit of a better, more prosperous life that is ever elusive. For Tocqueville, this American commercial activity was admirable because it promoted political moderation and, most importantly, economic prosperity.

But it is possible to have too much of a good thing. An excessive preoccupation with financial gain, Tocqueville pointed out, leads to the twin threats of individualism and materialism. Individualism is the impulse to withdraw from public affairs in order to concentrate more fully on one's economic affairs. When individualism takes root in the mores, citizens turn to the government for relief from the burden of self-government. They become all too willing to abdicate their political liberties to a government that is all too willing to expand its powers and authority. Freedom, the crowning achievement of modern democracy, is left to wither away in favor of a growing bank account. Materialism, the belief that "all perishes with the body," reduces human aspiration to a "mad impatience" for wealth.

To be enslaved to one's desires, however, is to deny an integral part of what it means to be a human being and not an animal, which has to do with rising above bodily concerns. A society centered around the proposition that there can be no purpose to life higher than the pursuit and enjoyment of consumer goods does violence to any notion of human dignity.

The amazing thing about Americans, according to Tocqueville, is that we avoid the perils of both excessive individualism and materialism—primarily through our enthusiastic participation in voluntary associations.

Tocqueville was astonished at the

number of private organizations he found in America.

He wrote that Americans are always "on the move," assembling to improve schools and neighborhoods, launch missionary endeavors, choose representatives, build churches, or just to proclaim their opinion on a social issue. Indeed, Tocqueville found associations for purposes he hadn't previously imagined the need to organize interested parties for—he thought it a joke when he first heard that a hundred thousand men had vowed publicly to abstain from liquor. Today, a century-and-a-half after Tocqueville's visit, private charities—and the Americans that support them—are still a prime factor in American life. So much so that a Gallup poll earlier this year discovered that nearly 40% of Americans are involved in charitable activities such as helping the poor, the sick, the elderly.

That is truly a heartening sign—for whatever their nature, be it civil or political, moral or intellectual, voluntary associations counter the democratic impulse to abandon any concern with the public realm. Associations are the "great free schools" where citizens learn the art of cooperation as a method for getting things done instead of ignoble reliance on an increasingly powerful governmental bureaucracy. They learn that despite the gravitational pull of individualism, they need and depend on each other and hence on the civil liberties they enjoy. They learn to reverse freedom as the precious legacy that it is.

Associations not only protect liberty, but provide scope for human excellence. The experience of association encourages citizens to reflect on matters beyond their personal welfare and the enjoyment of creature comforts. Associa-

MSAD #44

Superintendent's Newsletter

Dewaine B. Craig

Aromas of evergreen, cookies, and pies fill most of our homes at this time of the year. Children are awaiting December 25th with eager anticipation, and parents are scurrying around trying to complete last-minute details before the magical evening of December 24th.

Christmas and Hanukkah are both important holidays in our communities. Setting aside religious overtones or communications at this time of year, we do act differently towards one another during these few weeks than we do around March 25th or August 25th.

As Superintendent of Schools I have noticed an increased awareness in the giving and sharing attitudes of our students, parents, and communities. There are many areas that need to be improved upon in our schools and communities, but we also have very much to

be thankful for. We have students excelling in many areas, both academic and extra-curricular. We have many outstanding staff members within the district, unemployment is at a low in our communities, and the winter has been mild to date.

The students are giving of themselves in many ways this year. Some schools are making presents for shut-ins, others are collecting goods for food baskets, and there is a giving tree where students and staff members can bring in used, but workable, toys and other items to be distributed to others before Christmas.

As we prepare for the celebration of the holidays, share the season with others. Being mindful of the needs of others and thankful for our own personal joys are items that are important now and throughout the entire year. Happy Holidays from SAD #44.

By Cynthia J. Hinchley
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SENIOR CITIZEN MENUS

Monday, Dec. 28: Veal parmesan with spaghetti, green beans or broccoli, garlic bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, Dec. 29: Crispy fish, au gratin potatoes, boiled cabbage or vegetable combo, bran muffin, fruit mix—low calorie.

Wednesday, Dec. 30: Beef stew, cheese wedge, cole slaw or tossed salad, biscuit, brownie.

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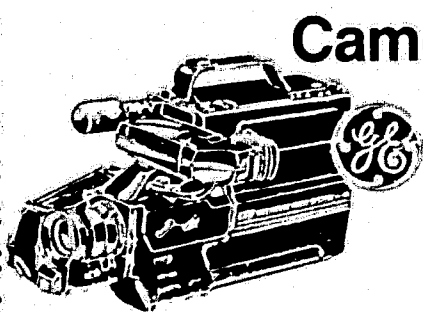


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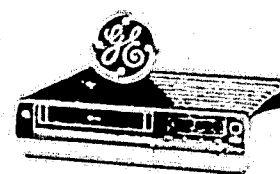
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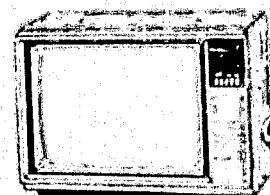
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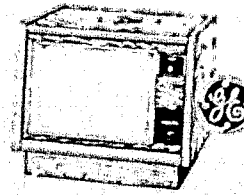
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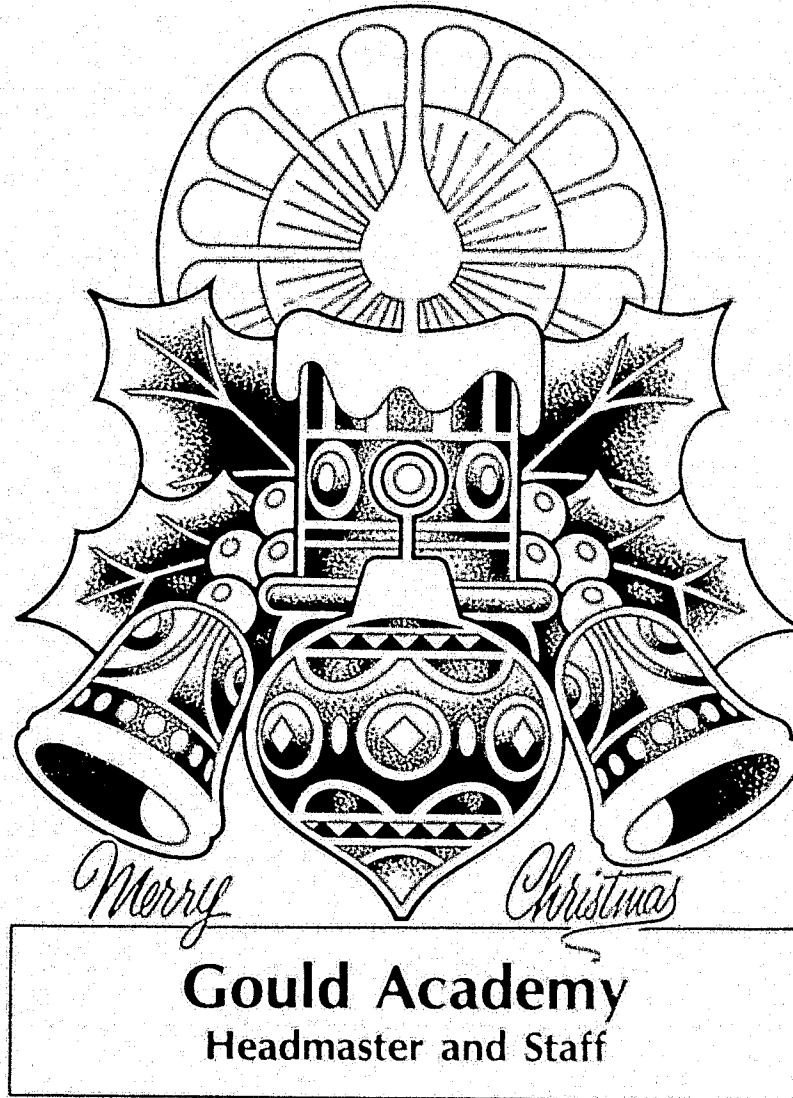
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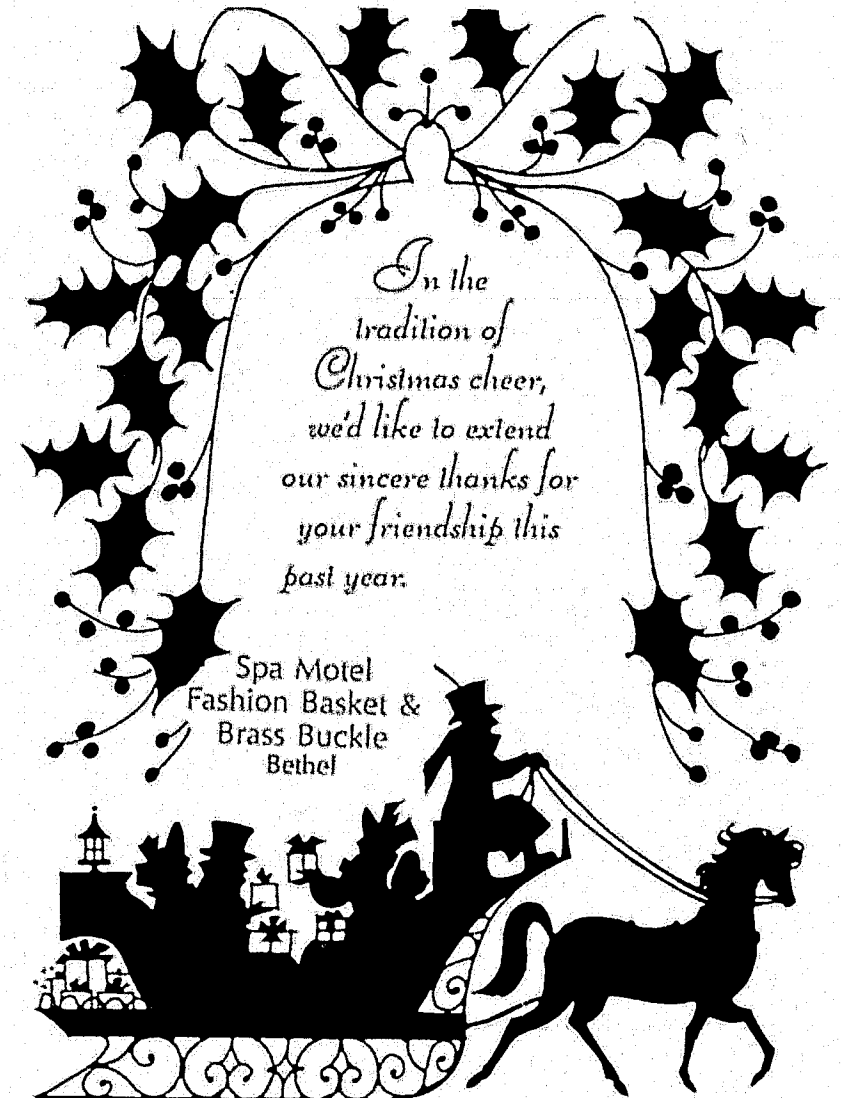
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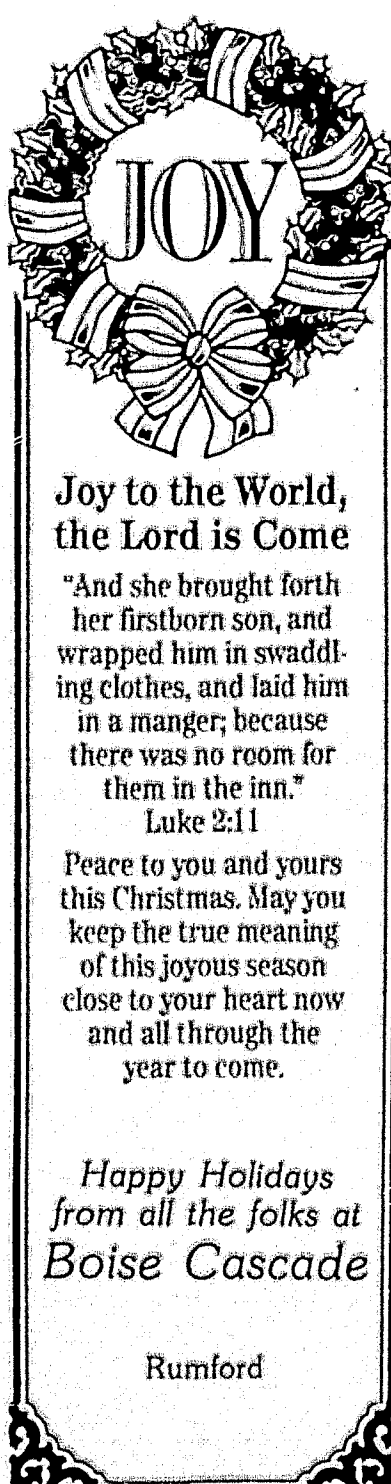
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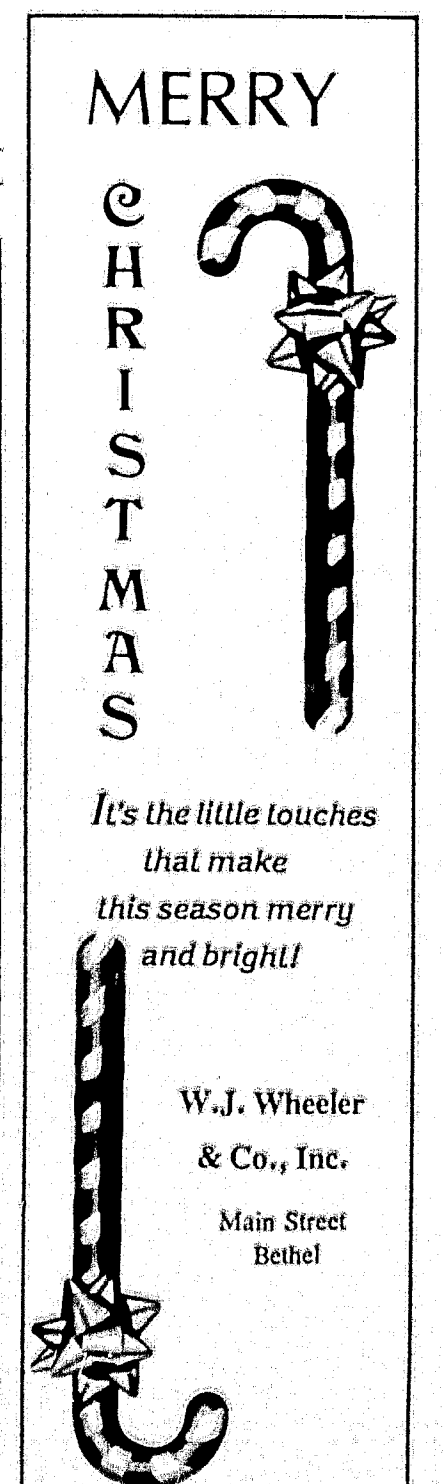
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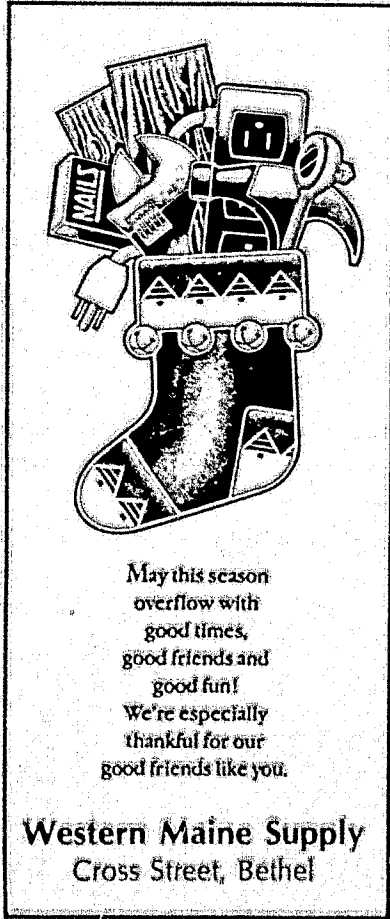
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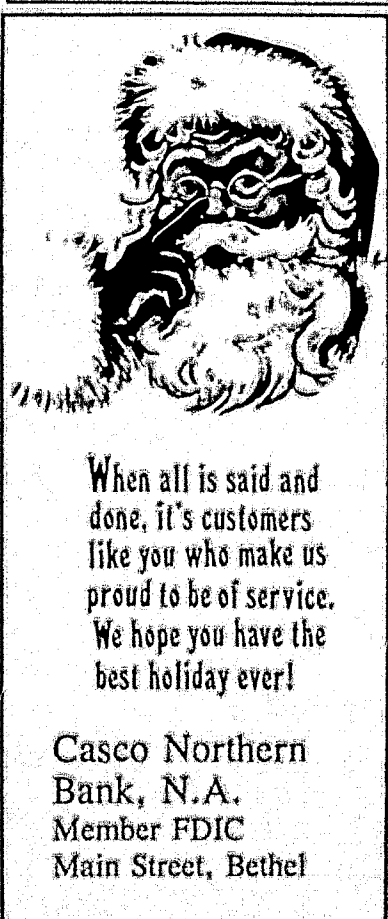
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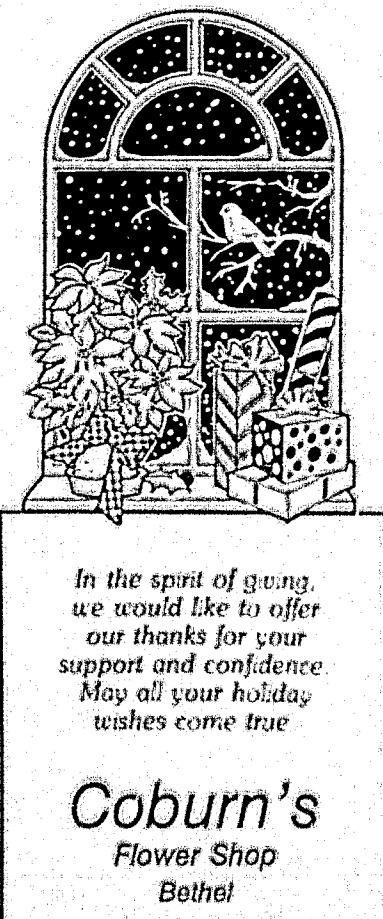
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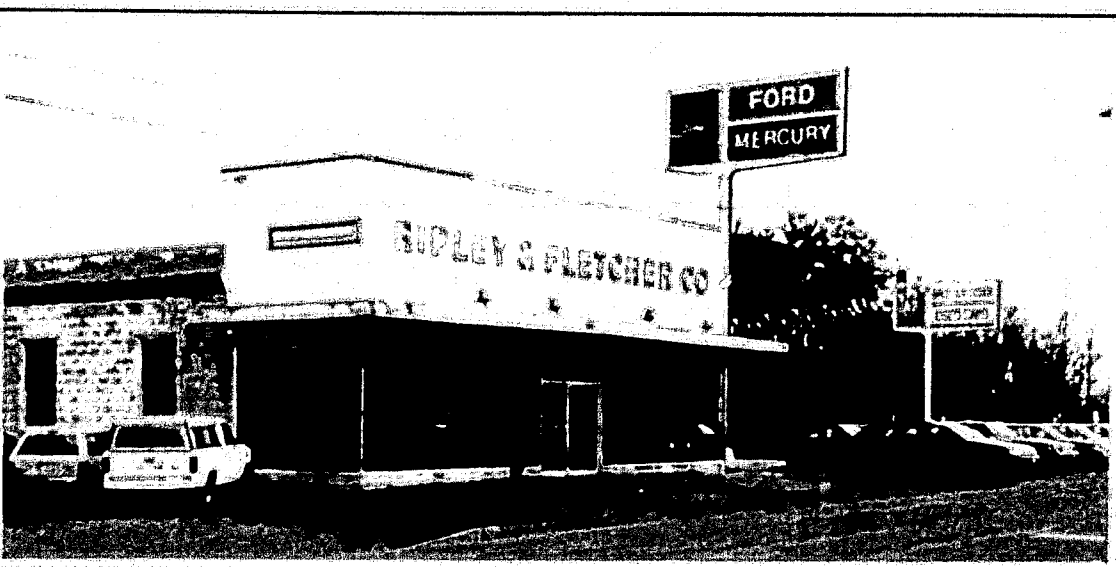
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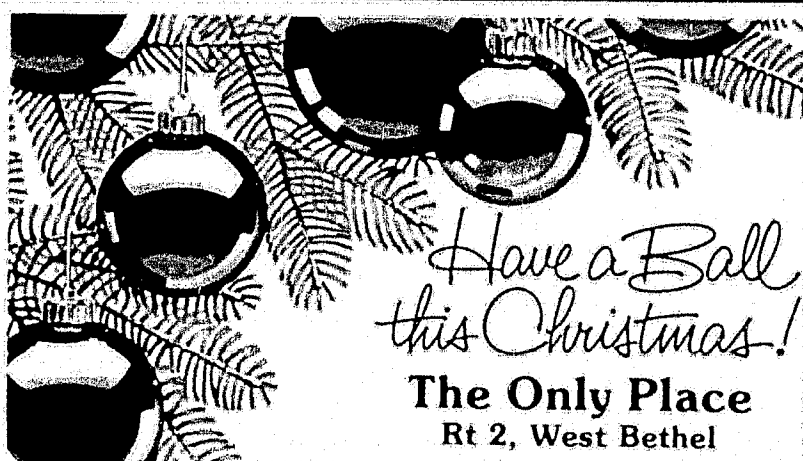
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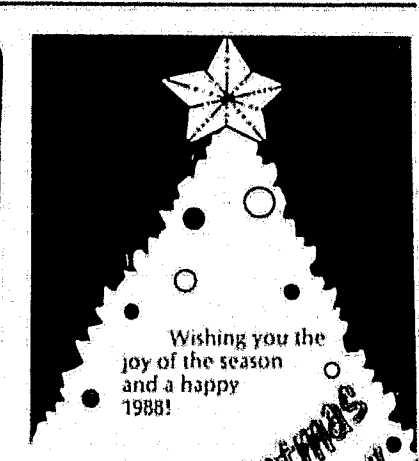
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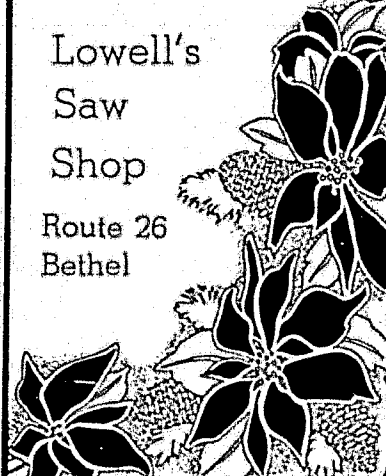
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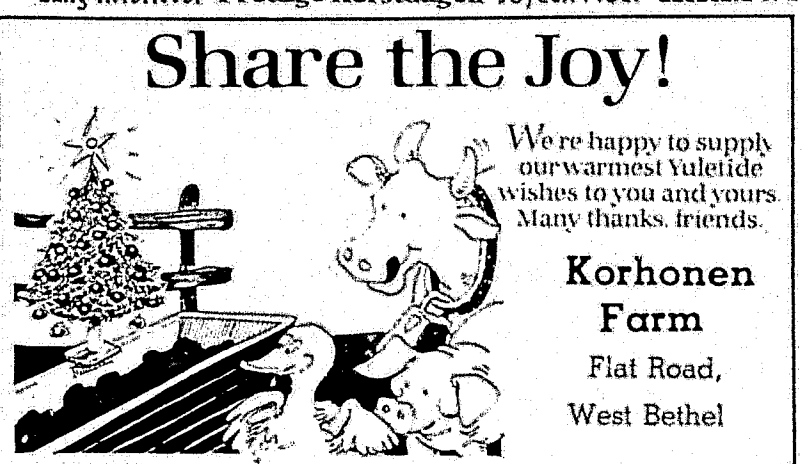
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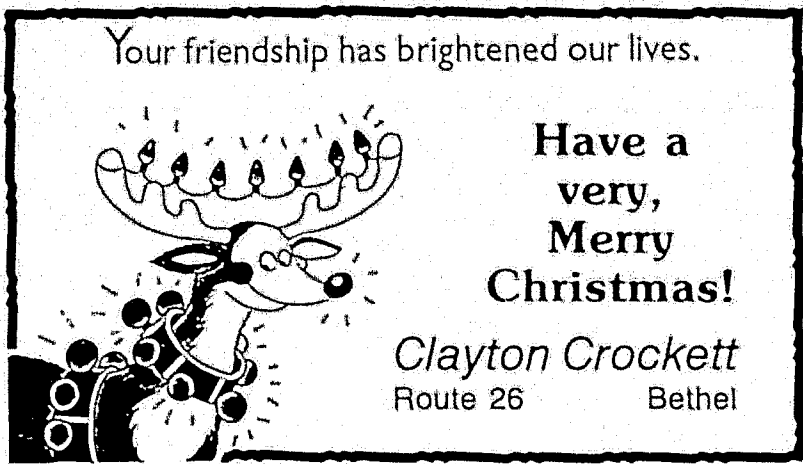
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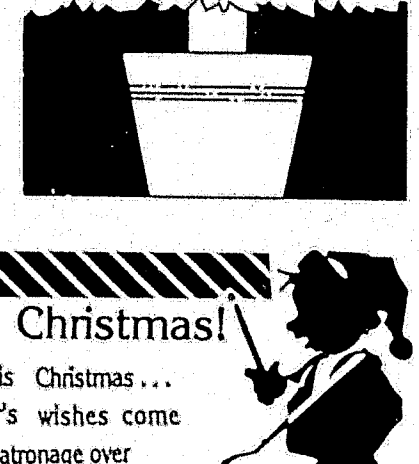
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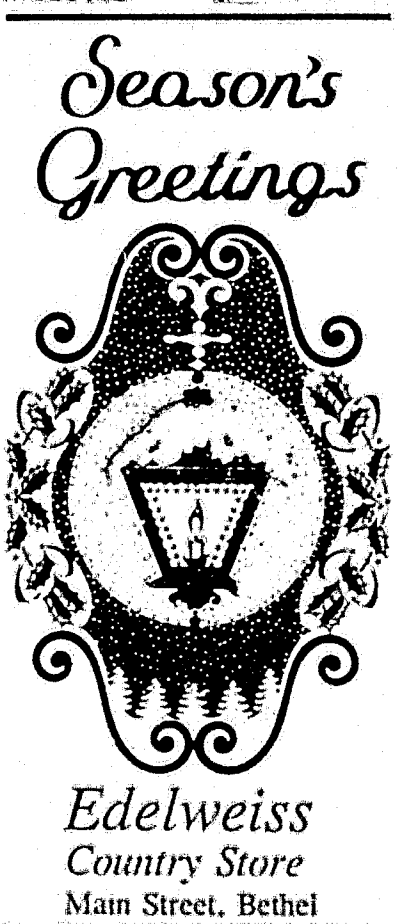
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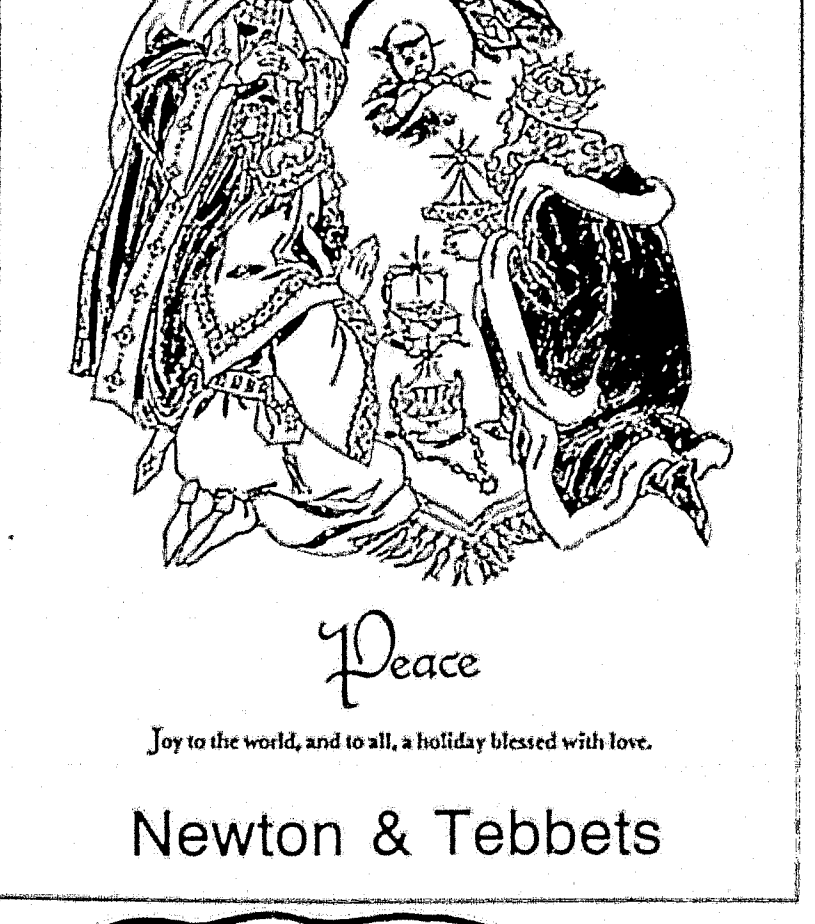
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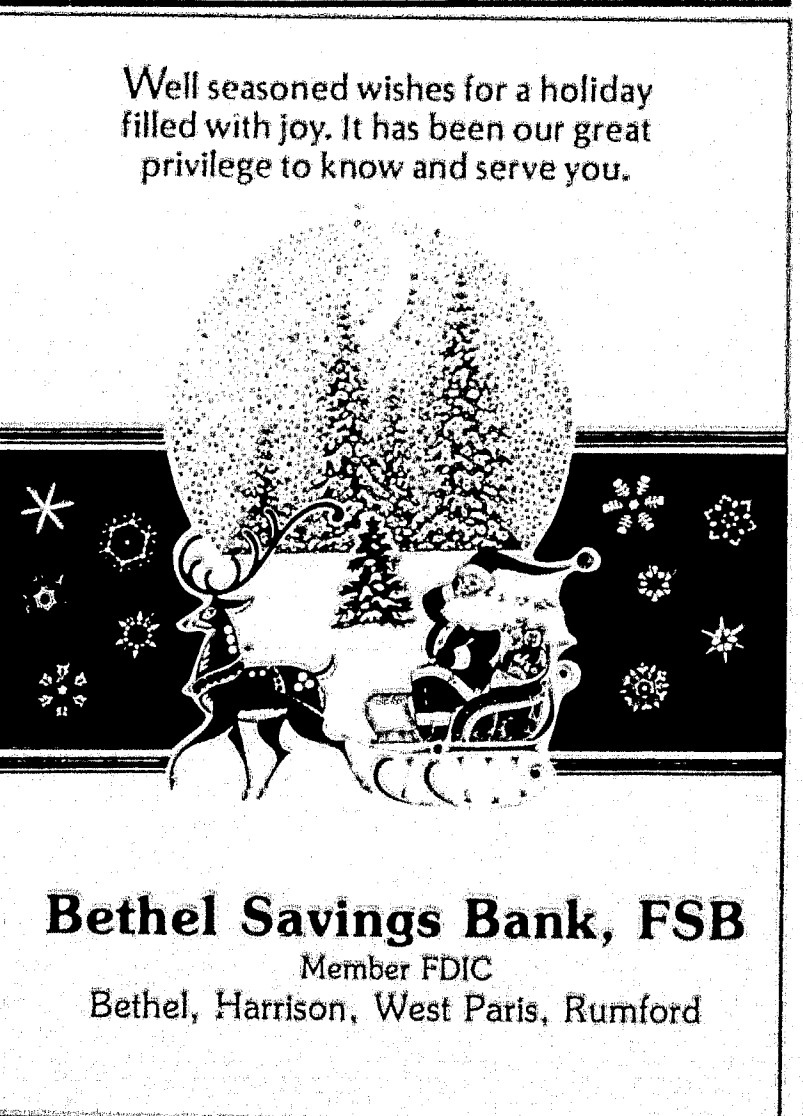
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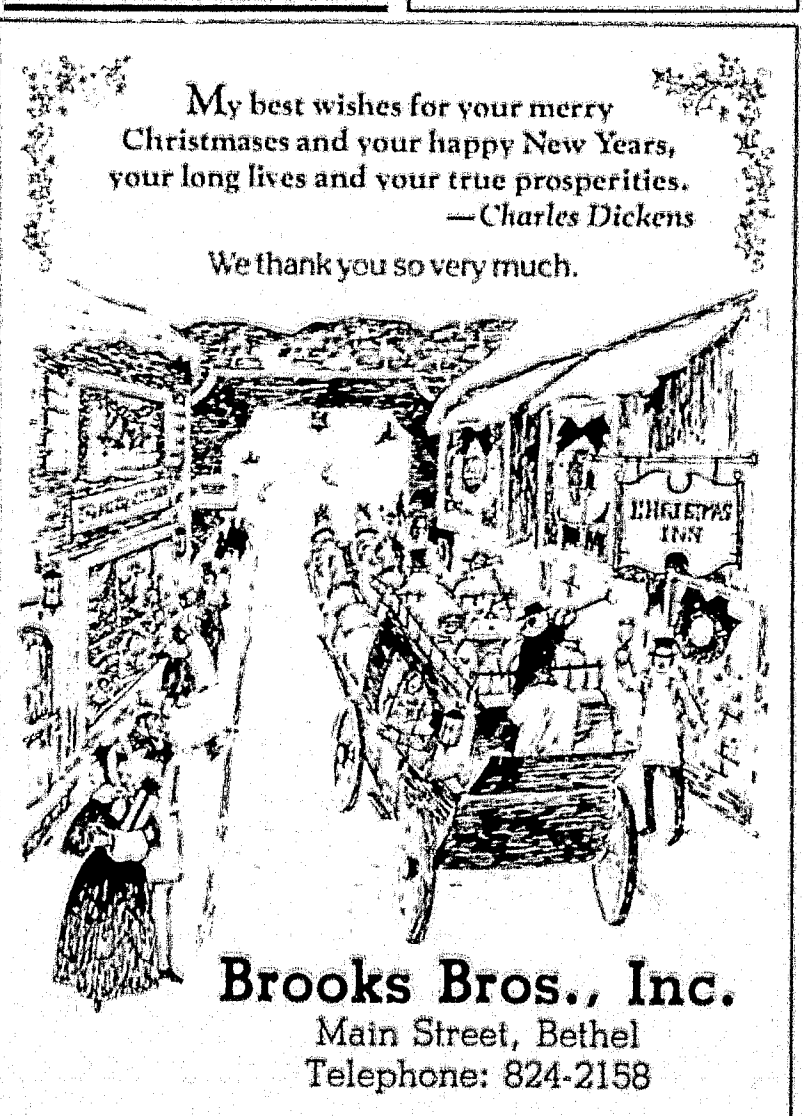
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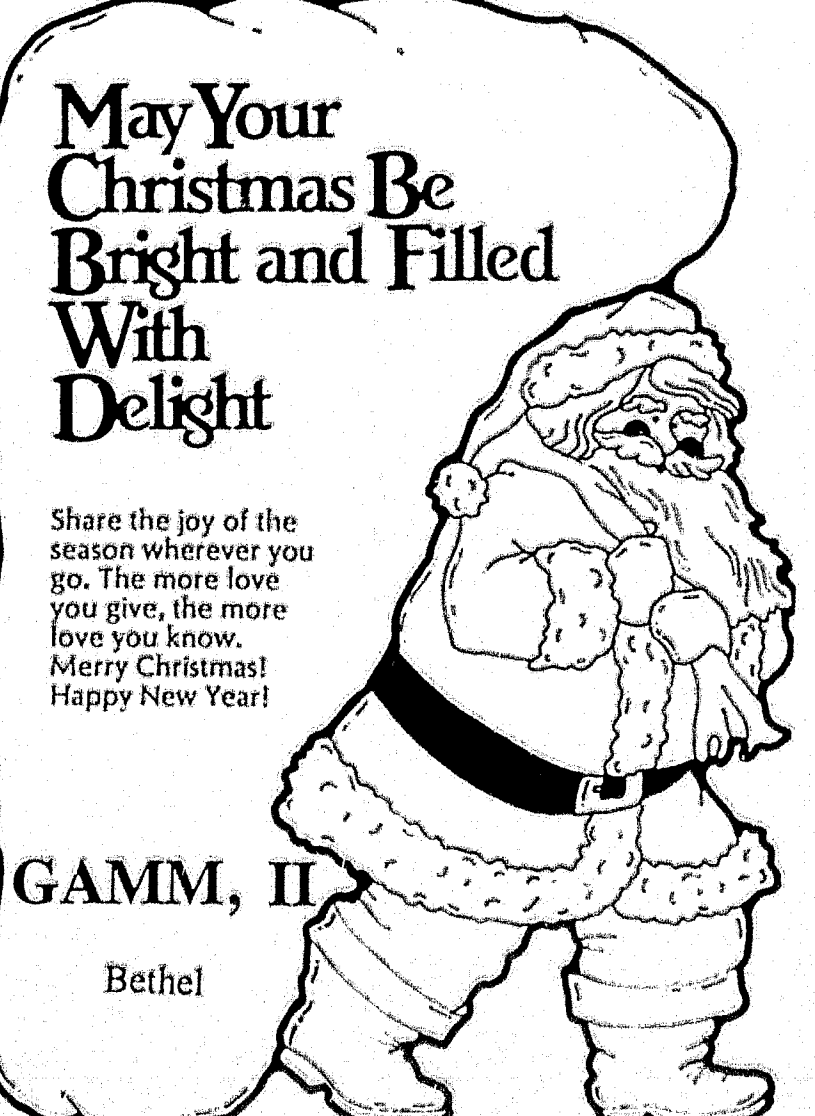
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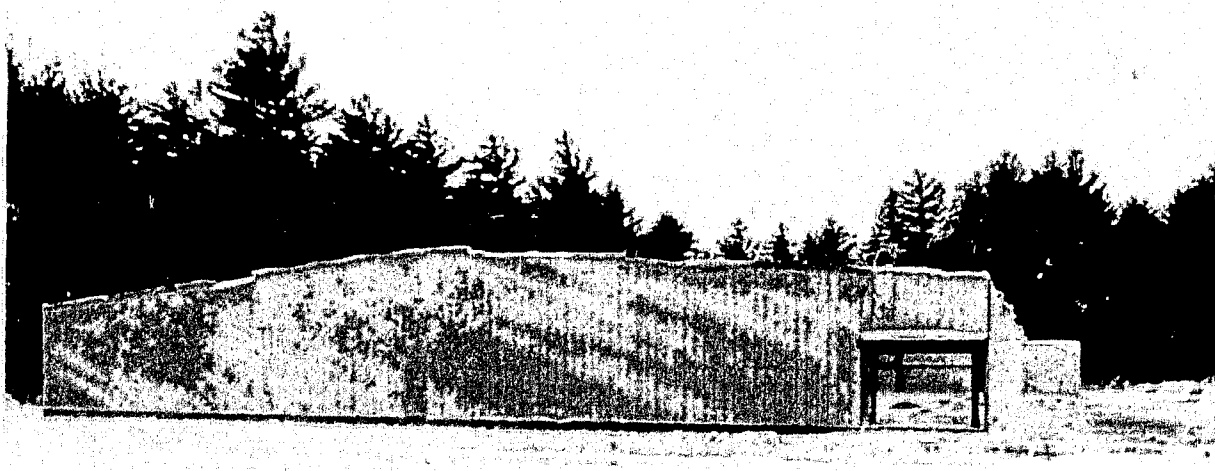
By AM

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THE GAMM II BUILDING is taking shape at the Bethel industrial park, adjacent to the airport. The garment factory will move from its current location in the Bethel mini mall as soon as the building is complete. The factory will be the first occupant of the industrial park.

(Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

Newry

By AMY HANSCOM

The Selectmen met with Jonathan Smith, who has been studying computer needs for the Town of Newry, E.W. Whittier and Gary Flick, of the Pine Tree Computer Support Service, a subdivision of The E.W. Whittier Co., Wednesday morning to discuss a computer and program for Newry's tax work. Flick explained his proposal to the Selectmen, in which the Town would buy a computer, with hardware and software from the E.W. Whittier Co., and Flick and Smith would assist the Town in setting up a program for doing the tax preparation work, which Linda Sanborn, of Integrated Municipal Services, has been doing for the past three years.

After the program has been set up, some of the municipal officers could be trained to operate it. The computer could be expanded to other services, such as voter registration lists, booking, etc., later if desired.

Flick and Smith were to meet with Selectman Lee Swan this morning to enable them to further examine tax records to get a clearer picture of just what the Town wants in the way of tax service.

Since 1985, the assessors have assessed the valuation of taxable property in town, put this on card, and given them to Sanborn, who has been doing the property with its valuation, then given the assessors the total valuation. The assessors then set the tax rate, and the computer service prepares the tax bills for mailing. A similar method would be used if the town votes to buy its own computer. This will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in March. Flick has estimated an appropriation of \$6,000 to cover this.

The title of Pastor Haden's message Sunday morning (Dec. 20) was "The Voice" with scripture reading from Isaiah 40:1-5 and Peter 3:15, St. Mark 11:14.

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North Paris

By EVELINE B. VATCHER

Is everybody happy with our latest snowstorm? Most of the schools were closed so the children were happy. The deer must have had a convention as all the deer yards are full of deer tracks. At Vatchers' they came 20 feet from the kitchen window. They know when to hide. Robert Isley took his wife and Robert Jr. to Calais to visit her sister, Katherine Newman. Eddie McQuish accompanied him.

Arnold Coffin is a surgical patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Doris and Roal Lawrence went to Norman Millett's Thursday to see our new great, great nephew, Jason Ellsworth Thayer, who is one week old.

Joseph Vatcher accompanied by Bob Isley went to Massachusetts Thursday, called on sister Fannie Whitten and took her Christmas gifts; took winter bouquets to the grave of his mother, Fannie Vatcher and the late Elsa Vatcher.

Callers at Lawrences: Barbara Knight, Stan Heath, Polly Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Heath.

Joe and Evelyn Vatcher wish the staff at Citizen Press a Happy Holiday Season without too much white stuff.

The outdoor Christmas trees are beautiful. The colored lights on snow covered branches are tops.

Santa brought Joe Vatcher a new shotgun, so rabbits should pay attention.

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High Street

By VIVA WHITMAN

It isn't a very sunny morning as I sit down to type up my weekly letter—or whatever you want to call it—but hope the sun will find its way out before the day is over. Haven't listened to the weather forecast this morning so don't know if they have changed it or not.

Anyone looking for a White Christmas, should be pleased. I don't believe this snow we have just gotten will disappear in a few days as the other has. I do believe it is here to stay for a while. I am sure the ski slopes will be busy as the skiers head out for pleasure in that sport.

I used to ski on some old long skis when I was a kid and had lots of fun but don't expect I would do too good on a pair of them now. Of course, we hooked them on with a piece of innertube from the car tire or for rubbers, whichever was there to be used. The skis were not very beautiful that we had but we sure had lots of fun on them. I remember when my neighbor boy and I were five and had our pictures taken while on our skis ready to head for our slopes. We learned young and by ourselves—no instructors to tell us what we were doing wrong. Just a tumble every so often showed us we were doing something wrong and we did our level best to correct what we were doing wrong. Trial and error was our teacher.

Went to Lewiston last Thursday afternoon to see my doctor who is keeping track of diverticulosis for me. It was a good day to go and we did a little shopping while in Lewiston. Had to go have a blood test taken after the office call, so it was rather late when we got home. Russell had gone to see another doctor to see if he could find out the results of some tests taken some time ago but no luck. Guess he will never know how they came out.

Friday was my day to go get my back tinkered, and as Peggy had a bad cold and felt rather miserable, we called on her doctor to see if he could give her something to help so she wouldn't get sick. He could see her in about an hour so we went to get groceries and then back to wait for him to see her. A waiting game, but one most of us don't mind too bad if we get some help. She got some help so it was worth the wait.

Wynona and girls came up in the late afternoon and visited for a while. The girls were teasing one another and Courtney shut the door so Kariann couldn't come into the room with her and in so doing, shut her fingers in the door. We were afraid she had broken her little finger as she couldn't seem to move it much so took her to the hospital to have it looked at. That took some time but when the x-rays showed her finger to be just badly bruised and not broken, we breathed a sigh of relief. Kids do the darnedest things and don't think they might hurt one another at all. Guess that is part of growing up.

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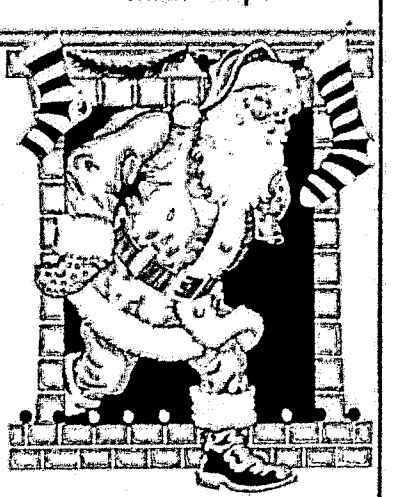
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Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Judith Grover tent #17 met on Monday, Dec. 14, at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting with election of officers, initiation of two new members and a Christmas party. Kaye McAllister filled in for color bearer #3. Amanda Jordan and Tammy House were initiated and welcomed to the order. Sixty-six calls were reported. General orders #1 was read and filed; Christmas cards were read and thank-you notes from Debbie Millet and Elaine Newell. The necklaces have come to sell.

Election of officers was as follows: Pres. Denise Swan; Sr. Vice Pres. Bessie House; Jr. Vice Pres. Sally Sawyer; Chaplain Alice Wardwell; Treas. Edith Hathaway; Council #1 Alice Hoyt, #2 Beatrice Farnum, #3 Helen Ring; Part-time Instructor Elena Noyes. After the meeting refreshments were served and gifts were exchanged. Next meeting will be Jan. 11, with a supper before the installation.

The Area Chamber of Commerce lighted the tree on the Common Wednesday night.

Jane Ring, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ring and Evan, Freeport, visited Helen Ring on Saturday.

Edith Hathaway, Ruth Dunham, Alice Wardwell and Beatrice Farnum were guests of Helen Ring for their annual Christmas get-together on Monday.

and some of them had a hard time to get up by the house. Their tires were probably not the best and that snow was greasy under their wheels. According to the TV, we were very lucky where the storm was concerned. I, for one, am glad we didn't get the snow and storm that they did out in some of the other states. Really makes one glad they live in the state of Maine sometimes, doesn't it? We get enough bad weather but glad we didn't get the tornadoes and as much snow and wind as some states did. Hopefully, we won't get too much wind today. A little breezy now but might get more later, according to their report last night. Oh well, guess it won't blow us away or at least, hope not.

Got to go see if I can do a little cooking this morning so will call this enough writing. Take care everyone. Be careful if driving, and do have a Merry, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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—Clement Clarke Moore

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The Citizen's prime time TV guide

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 1987											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(4)	Explorers	Hand	Tomorrow	Cinema	Commodities	Animal W.	Refuge	Factory	Outdoors		
(5)	A Christmas Carol	Night Visitors	700 Club		Talk	Outdoors					
(6)	Yogi Xmas	Christmas	Cosby	Dil. World	Cheers	Buntz	L.A. Law		News	Best of	
(8)	Christmas Sampler	Making of Santa			Movie: "The Legend of the Lone Ranger"				News	Highlight	
(9)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie: "A Christmas Story"				Next President		Too Close	W. North	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer	Handel's Messiah			Great Performances	Christmas Calendar			Carols/King's		
(11)	Family	Lady Blue			Movie: "Where the Lilies Bloom"				Way Off Broadway		
(12)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now Christmas Card '87		New City	Crook	Video		Be a Star	Card	
(13)	Magic of Christmas	B. Bunny	Santabar		Movie: "The Homecoming"				News	Nativity	
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Hill Street Blues		Movie				INN News	Home	
(18E)	Elvis '58		Movie: "Stand By Me"			Movie: "Wildcats"				F/X	
(20G)	Tennis: Michelin Challenge						Fishing		Boxing: Harry Arrows vs.		
(21H)	SportsCtr	SpeedWeek	Spirit of Adventure		Figure Skating: NHK Championships	Ice Dancing					
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movie: "Donovan's Reef"				Trumpet of		The Glenn Miller Story		
(24K)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothorn	I Spy	
(26M)	Airwolf		Riptide		Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"					Airwolf	
(27N)	Rockline	Buffalo Bill	Anne Frank	The Magic Flute							
(29P)	Brighton Beach Memoirs		"Daffy Duck's Fantastic Island"		Movie: "Armed and Dangerous"				Inside the NFL		
(31R)	Wonderland	Holiday	Walt Disney Presents		Movie: "The Christmas Visitor"				Ozzie & Harriet		
(32S)	Pyramid	B. Miller	Magazine	Entertain	Am. Top 10		News		Simon & Simon		
(34U)	Cheers	B. Miller	Movie: "The Bells of St. Mary's"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum	

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 1987											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(4)	Intruders	Insect Life	Factory	India	Moghols		Rush: The Fallow Deer		Jerusalem	Bulbs	
(5)	Remington Steele		Paper Chase		700 Club		Talk	Frontier	Remington Steele		
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	Rags to Riches		Miami Vice		NBC Religious Special		News	Carson	
(8)	Newlywed	Dating	Full House	Dora	Belvedere	Pursuit	20/20		News	Nightline	
(9)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie: "The Prince and the Pauper"				Rockford Files		Too Close	W. North	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St. Wk.	Great Performances					Frsh Fields	
(11)	Family		Lady Blue		Movie: "Auntie Mame"				Way Off Broadway		
(12)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now Christmas Card '87		New City	General Jackson			Be a Star	Card	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Mandrell's Christmas		Movie: "The Gift of Love: A Christmas Story"				News	Top Pops	
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Hill Street Blues		Movie: "Yes, Giorgio"				INN News	H. mooner	
(18E)	Karate Kid Part Two		Movie: "Return of the Jedi"				Movie: "Back to the Future"				
(20G)	Look Back						Look Back	Scuba	Divers	Candlepin Bowling	
(21H)	SportsCtr	Moments	Gymnastics: DTB Pokal Cup				Turning Point			SportsCtr	
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Philadelphia 76ers				Hurricane Irene: Musicians for Peace				
(24K)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothorn	I Spy	
(26M)	Airwolf		Riptide		Movie: "Heartbeeps"			Hitchcock	Night Flight	K. Everett	
(27N)	Montreux	Buffalo Bill	Movie: "To Race the Wind"				Short Stories		Alas Smith	Rockline	
(29P)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Three Amigos"				Movie: "Spies Like Us"				
(31R)	Disney Channel Christmas		Xmas Spcl		Movie: "One Magic Christmas"				Holiday	Ozzie	So Pacs
(32S)	Pyramid	B. Miller	Magazine	Entertain	Hepturn and Tracy		News		Simon & Simon		
(34U)	Cheers	B. Miller	Movie: "Silent Night, Lonely Night"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum	

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 1987											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(4)	Alpine Ballooning		Questors	Tomorrow	New Magicians		You Australia		Explorers	Hand	
(5)	Campbell's	Butterfly	Movie: "The Patriot Neal Story"				Paper Chase		Ankerberg	Zola Levitt	
(6)	Star Trek		Facts of Life	227	Golden G	Amen	J.J. Starbuck		News	Sat Night	
(8)	Star Search		Chara		Sable		The Room		Throb		
(9)	Marblehead	The Sheriff	Mr. In Prison	B. Baxter	Second C	Get It Made	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Clippers				
(10)	DeGrassi	Wild Amer	WonderWorks		Doctor Who						
(11)	Previews	Movie: "Senior Trip"				Way Off Broadway		Our Group	Lady Blue		
(12)	Kitchen	Country Music	Grand Copy	Tommy Hunter		Kitchen	Country:ys		City Music		
(13)	Fortune	Siskel	Movie: "Footloose"				West 57th		News	Lifestyles	
(16C)	Darkside	Charles	Movie				INN News		Movie		
(18E)	Foul Play	Cont'd	Movie: "Youngblood"				Movie: "Nightforce"			Cinemax	
(20G)	Look Back								Look Back		
(21H)	Sports	Drag Racing				College Basketball: Pitt at Jacksonville			Sports	Wrestling	
(22I)	Championship Wrestling		Movie: "Submarine X-1"				Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Teletion				
(24K)	Star Trek	Gadget	Laugh In	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	I Spy		Monkees		
(26M)	Mike Hammer		Movie: "Echoes"				Hitchcock	Theater	Movie: "G.I. Haver"		
(27N)	Golden Age	Associates	World War I: Bet Wars	Tbet			Boff on the Landscape		Good Cafe	Golden Age	
(29P)	Armed and Dangerous		Movie: "Into the Homeland"				On Location: B. Hackett		Movie: "The Money Pit"		
(31R)	Movie: "Smoke"		Preview	Movie: "On the Double"			College B		Expert For Three and Me		
(32S)	It's a Living	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Atlanta Hawks					News	Dr. Ed	Mama	Berly H.	
(34U)	Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Teletion						News	INN News	Teletion Continues		

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 1987											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(4)	Address-	Justusville	Christians		Pictures of Russia		1st Year	Spirit of Alcatraz			
(5)	Crossbow	Frontier	Paper Chase		In Touch		Ben Haden	Rock Alive		Ed Young	
(6)	Our House		Family Ties	2 Dads	Movie: "An Officer and a Gentleman"						
(8)	Not Quite Human		Spenser	For Hire	Movie: "Str. Crazy"					NCTV Hour	
(9)	21 Jump Street		Werewolf	Mama	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Sacramento Kings					At Movies	
(10)	Upstairs Downstairs		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Mr. Palfrey		Butterflies	Dining	
(11)	AMA Video Clinic		Physicians	Jml	Cardiology	Medicine	Ob-Gyn	Milestones	Update	Medicine	
(12)	Sports	Racing	Motoworld	Heroes	You Here	Perform	McToward	Horse	Rodeo	Outdoors	
(13)	60 Minutes		Murder	She Wrote	Movie: "A Hazard of Hearts"					Comedy	
(16C)	Maxwell Smart		Star Trek: Next Gener		Star Search		Rich & Famous		INN News	H. mooner	
(18E)	Movie: "Lucas"				Movie: "The Boy Who Could Fly"				Movie: "The Wrath"		
(20G)	Golf: Tucker Anthony		Look Back				WWF Wrestling		Fishing	Outdoors	
(21H)	NFL Prime Time		NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at New York Giants						SportsCenter Sunday		
(22I)	Movie: "Death of a Gunfighter"				National Geographic Explorer				Page	J. Fawell	
(24K)	Movies	Smothers	Laugh In	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	I Spy		Smothers	Monkees	
(26M)	Riptide		Mike Hammer		Cover Story: Hollywood		Robert Klein Time		Buttblocker	Discover	
(27N)	Living Dangerously		Buffalo Bill	Minister	Stage For a Nation				Preview	Evening at the Improv	
(29P)	Movie: "The Color Purple" Cont'd				Movie: "Iron Eagle"					Divine Madness	
(31R)	Movie: "Down Argentine Way"				Butch/Baby		Anne of Green Gables		Anne of Green Gables	The Haunted School	
(32S)	Sunshine Boys	Cont'd	Movie: "D.O.A."				News	Sports	Next President		
(34U)	Movie: "Name" Cont'd				Al Movies	Star Search		News	INN News	Darkside	Lou Grant

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 1987											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(4)	Children of 2 Countries		Space	True Adv.	Unofficial Famine		Nature of Things		Perspective	India	
(5)	Remington Steele		Father Murphy		700 Club		Talk	Snapshots	Remington Steele		
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	ALF	Val's Family	Movie: "Roman Holiday"				News	Tonight	
(8)	Newlywed	Santa	ABC News Special		NFL Football: New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins						
(9)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Promises in the Dark"				Rockford Files		Too Close	W. North	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		First Among Equals		Exit 13	Video		Young Storytellers	Wild Amer	Bless Me	
(11)	Family		Generations		Movie: "The Rain People"				Cover-Up		
(12)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now			New City	Crook	Video	Be a Star	Nashville	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Kate & Alice	Frank's Pl.	Newhart	Women	Cagney & Lacey		News	Hunter	
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Hill Street Blues		Movie: "The Wheeler Dealers"				INN News	H. mooner	
(18E)	Cardinal	Crazy	Movie: "Let's Get Harry"				Movie: "Salvador"				
(20G)	Look Back						Look Back			Look Back	
(21H)	SportsCtr	NFL	NFL	NFL	Figure Skating		High School Basketball		SportsCtr		
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movie: "The Beastmaster"						Movie: "House of Wax"		
(24K)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothorn	I Spy	
(26M)	Airwolf		Riptide		College Basketball: Clemson vs. Michigan					Airwolf	
(27N)	Rockline	Buffalo Bill	Movie: "The Little Princess"				Daylight Robbery		Vietnam	20th Cent	
(29P)	Born Free	Fraggle	Movie: "Fortress"				Movie: "Brighton Beach Memoirs"			Heartbreak	
(31R)	Somewhere	Mouseterp	Flicka	Boomer	Anne of Green Gables		Anne of Green Gables		Ozzie	Homstich	
(32S)	Pyramid	B. Miller	Magazine	Entertain	Morton Downey Jr.		News		Simon & Simon		
(34U)	Cheers	B. Miller	Movie: "The Prince and the Pauper"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum	

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 29, 1987											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(4)	Disappearing World		Jerusalem	Outdoors	Ceiling	Indian Port	Animals	Rose/Line	Tomorrow	Cinema	
(5)	Remington Steele		Crossbow	Butterfly	700 Club		Talk	Chefs	Remington Steele		
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	Mastock		Hunter		Come Story		News	Carson	
(8)	Newlywed	Dating	Boss	Gro. Pans	Moonlighting		Thirty-something		News	Nightline	
(9)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Gung in Style"				Rockford Files		Too Close	W. North	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Nova		Politics of Food				McLaughlin	One/One	
(11)	Family		Lady Blue		Movie: "Angela"				Cover-Up		
(12)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now			New City	Crook	Video	Be a Star	Nashville	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	National Geographic		Fighting Edge		Law & Harry McGraw		News	Diamonds	
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Liberty Bowl: Arkansas vs. Georgia						INN News	H. mooner	
(18E)	Gr Gatsby	Cinemax	Movie: "Sweet Dreams"				Movie: "Legal Eagles"				
(20G)	High School Hockey Continues						High School Hockey		College Basketball		
(21H)	SportsCtr	Skating	NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at New York Islanders						Tractor Pull	SportsCtr	
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at New York Knicks				Movie: "City Beneath the Sea"				
(24K)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothorn	I Spy	
(26M)	Airwolf		Riptide		College Basketball: Auburn vs. Villanova					Airwolf	
(27N)	Montreux	Buffalo Bill	Associates	Good Cafe	Lady Windermere's Fan				Golden Age		
(29P)	Playing for Keeps		Movie: "The Boss's Wife"				Movie: "Three Amigos"			Dangerous	
(31R)	The Point	Mouseterp	Don't Eat the Figs		Anne of Avonlea		Anne of Avonlea		Ozzie	Trigoli	
(32S)	Pyramid	B. Miller	Magazine	Entertain	Morton Downey Jr.		News		Simon & Simon		
(34U)	Cheers	B. Miller	Movie: "More American Graffiti"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum	

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 30, 1987											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(4)	Living Ises	Wildlife	Perspective	Knight	Mossad		Profiles of Nature		Space	True Adv.	
(5)	Remington Steele		Honeymoon	Frontier	700 Club		Talk	Snapshots	Remington Steele		</



ANDOVER YOUNGSTERS GOT A BIG KICK out of these reindeer who cavorted around the gym during the Christmas concert at Andover Elementary School last Thursday evening. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

Andover East By MARJORIE JODREY

Master Richard Dolloff, son Mr. and Mrs. David Dolloff, of Rumford, celebrated his fifth birthday on Dec. 11 with a family party at his home in Rumford. Those present were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodrick Sadelinger and Mrs. Laura Dolloff and Aunt Ann Dolloff and Great Uncle Gordon Miller. A spaceman cake was enjoyed by all.

Some members of Boy Scout Troop #873 attended a Turkey Shoot in Wilton on Saturday with their Scoutmaster, Rick Donovan and assistant Arthur Cole Jr. Those going were Tom Morton, Jason Cole, Jeff Bailey, Jon Thurston, John Snowman and Jeff Thurston.

In Portland they have a beech tree all lit up with a great many small twinkling lights, but in Andover we have, on Church Street, an apple tree all lit up with many twinkling lights thanks to Mr. Jaros II.

The "Christmas Sock Hop," sponsored by the Andover Telstar members of the Senior Class Scholarship fund, was a great success. The winner of the first drawing of the 20 week cards was James Desjardins and the winner of the stereo-TV was Barbara Simmons. The next drawing and all the other nineteen drawings of the 20 week Club will take place at Akers Store at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday night. All winners will be notified. I will keep you all posted on any other projects the Seniors have. They would like to thank all who have helped so far in their fund-raising projects.

Reverend Marquette Churchill of the First Congregational Church had as her sermon topic on Sunday, Dec. 13, "Is Christ About To Come Back?" A special solo by Dave Anderson, of Yarmouth, a former Andover resident—sang "How Great Thou Art." On Wednesday a choir party was held at Pat Wyman's. Deacon on call was Dolly Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson, of Yarmouth, visited friends in town Sunday. The children of Andover Elementary School will celebrate their Christmas parties in each room on Dec. 23. The Christmas Surprise Store was a great

success with a lot of satisfied customers. Christmas vacation starts Dec. 24 and ends Jan. 3. Hope everyone has a great vacation. See you next year. Have a happy one.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 17, the students of Andover Elementary School presented their Annual Christmas Concert. There was one of the largest crowds present. After Principal David Murphy gave the introduction, Grades K-3 sang "Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer" and then a skit "Fingerplays," and finished with "Up On The Housetop." Grade II enacted the poem "No one sleeps on Christmas Eve" by Tom Bernagozzie.

Grade III enacted the poem "Christmas Is A Warm Thing." Then all together K-3 "Have A Holly, Jolly Christmas." Grade 4 a skit "A Rainbow Christmas" by Mary Anne Riordan.

Grades 4-6 sang "White Christmas." Grade 6 enacted poems "December" by Allen Fisher and "A Conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus."

Grades 4-6 sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and "Frosty The Snowman."

Grade 5 gave a reading "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg.

The audience took part in singing traditional Christmas songs, led by Telstar's music teacher, Harry Davis, while the Andover Elementary staff prepared for their skit, "Twas The Night Before Christmas" narrated by Joyce Morgan—a very hilarious rendition. After which the audience again joined in singing more Christmas songs. Refreshments were served to those who wished after the program. A very merry Christmas was wished to all. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis for their help with the music. Everyone thought it was a very nice program—one of the best.

Notes from the public library:

They have just received a copy of the

Christmas decoration contest winners named

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce this week announced the winners of the annual area-wide Christmas Decorating Contest, which was judged last Friday night.

In the business category, winners were The Rostay Motor Inn, in Bethel, and The Gingerbread House Bakery, in Woodstock.

In the residence category, winners were the Dan Davis family, in Locke Mills, and JoAnn Crockett, in Bethel.

The winners will be treated to a mystery dinner sometime in January. Judging was difficult because of all the good decorating jobs on the part of all those who entered, the judges said. The judges were Doreen Johnson, of Woodstock, Irene Pike, of Bethel, and Evelyn Johnson, of Greenwood.

The Chamber thanks all who took the time and effort to enter the contest.

book "L.L. Bean Inc." The book is formulated as a scrapbook and was written for the Bean family members and for employees and is not available for sale to the general public. It covers L.L. Bean's boyhood starting from when he was born in Greenwood, in 1872, to the birth of his company, right up to the 1980s. It should make good reading on a cold night.

They also have received this week an AT&T toll-free 800 directory containing thousands of toll-free 800 numbers that you can dial at no charge.

The Board of Trustees and Librarian Carol Littlehale would like to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." They have enjoyed serving you this past year and hope you will continue to visit the library in 1988.

OXFORD POMONA GRANGE #2

Oxford Pomona Grange #2 held its December meeting at Oxford Grange #46.

Get-well cards were signed for Theo Holmes, of Oxford Grange, and Frank Rackliffe, of Pleasant Pond Grange. The chaplain reported the loss of Blanch Austin, Paris, and Norman Knightly, Norway.

Lecturer Shirley Foster presented a Christmas program. The Address of Welcome was given by Myrtle Bisbee, master of Oxford Grange. Response was given by Randy Jack, Norway.

Plaques from National Grange were presented to Paris Grange, Franklin Grange, Norway Grange and Oxford Pomona Grange for 100 years of Grange service by State Grange Treasurer Hazel Conant.

The opening thought, "Keep Christ in Christmas," was read by Gail Butterfield, Lakeside.

The Christmas Story was read by Elizabeth Bragg, West Paris. One Solitary Life was read by Lettie Brooks, Franklin.

A relay race was conducted. Closing thought, "Ready for Christmas," was read by Francis Conant.

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Gas begins flowing through oil pipeline

Canadian natural gas began flowing last Wednesday through the pipeline it passes through West Bethel.

The pipeline had previously been used

Interpersed throughout were Christmas carols by the members.

Gifts from the tree were distributed by Stacey and Bradley Bisbee.

Mystery package winners were Leland Bisbee and Francis Conant, of Oxford, and Frances Allen, Norway.

Attendance drawing was won by Gail Butterfield, Lakeside.

The Scholarship Fund raffle of a clock was won by Francis Conant.

Next meeting will be at Norway Grange on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. A supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. This will be Agriculture Night.

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Young Voices

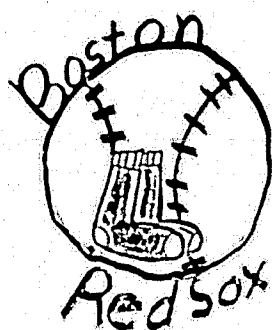
The young authors whose works appear on this page are participating in the "Bread Loaf in the Schools" writing project. The project was made possible by a three-year grant from the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College. These students hope you will respond directly to their work by sending your response to the author, by grade level, care of Crescent Park School, Bethel, Maine 04217.

The printing of this page was made possible by a contribution from GILLIES REALTY, with congratulations to these young writers.

My Puppy

My puppy is a cute puppy.
My puppy is fun!
The puppy is not a puppy any more. He is a Big Dog.

by Brett Wilson, Gr. 2



The New Red Sox

Well, these are the new Red Sox. This is how it happened. These Red Sox died. They are John MacNamara, Don Baylor, Bill Buckner, Marty Barrett, Spike Owen, Wade Boggs, Dennis Boyd, Rich Gedman, Jim Rice, Tony Armas, and Mike Greenwell.

Those Red Sox men had children. Their names are Mike MacNamara, BJ Baylor, Peter Buckner, Brian Barrett, Kyle Owen, Clint Boggs, Tim Boyd, Sam Gedman, Ben Rice, Josh Armas, and Don Greenwell. The Red Sox's sons took their places on the Boston Red Sox team. They were the best team in their league. They were going to be in the world series.

Chapter 2-The Seventh Game of the World Series

The Red Sox were in the World Series against the San Francisco Giants. The date was Oct. 13, 2007. Both teams had won three games. They were going to start the game. The speaker sounded, "Please stand for our National Anthem." The crowd cheered after the National Anthem. The umpire yelled, "Play Ball!"

Clint Boggs steps up to the plate. Andrew Mason threw a strike. Andrew threw. Clint has a hit to third base. Clint slides, he's safe! B.J. Baylor is up. Strike one, strike two, strike three, he's out. One out for the Red Sox. Rob Craig, the manager of the Giants is cheering! Josh Armas is up. Warren Brown, the third baseman for the Giants, is getting ready. Andrew throws! Josh Armas wacks the ball! The ball is heading to Andrew Mason! Andrew gets the ball! Josh makes it to second base. Andrew throws the ball home. Clint slides. The umpire yells, "He's safe!"

Mike MacNamara, the manager of the Red Sox is smiling. Peter Buckner is up. Peter hits it to second base. He slides. The umpire yells "Your out!" Kyle Owen is at bat. Strike one. Andrew Mason, the pitcher for the San Francisco Giants, throws. Owen hits the ball. It goes past Erin Thomson, the second baseman for the Giants. The ball goes to Sandy Davis, the center fielder for the Red Sox, steps to the plate. Strike one, strike two. Brian Armas home. Brian Barrett, the second baseman for the Red Sox, steps to the plate. Strike one, strike two. Brian wacks the ball to centerfield! Brian is running hard. He goes past first, he's running for second. He closes his eyes and slides. The umpire yells, "Your out!" Three outs for the Red Sox and the Giants are up. Clint Boggs heads to third base. Tim Boyd is heading to the pitchers mound. Sam Greenwell is putting on his catchers equipment. He's heading to the plate. Kyle Owen is heading to his short stop position. Peter Buckner is going to firstbase. Barrett is jogging to second. Rice is at left field. Don Greenwell is at right field. Jeremy Clark is at the plate. Tim Boyd, the pitcher for the Red Sox, throws the ball. Strike one, strike two, strike three. Jeremy Clark is out! Erin Thomson is up. Strike one. Tim pitches. Erin hits the ball to Kyle Owen, who picks up the ball, and throws it to first base. The umpire yells "He's out." Erin starts to yell at the umpire then Erin gives up. Joe Uribe is up. Tim throws the ball. Joe hits it to Brian Barrett, the 2nd baseman for the Red Sox. Brian dives for the ball, it gets away. Kyle Owen, the shortstop for the Red Sox, rushes in and gets the ball. But he was too late. Joe got to first. Kyle throws the ball to Tim. Joe Uribe is trying to steal. Tim throws to Peter Buckner, the first baseman for Boston. He tags Joe! The crowd is cheering as the Red Sox jog into their dugout.

Chapter 3-The Red Sox Streak of Good Luck

Ben Rice steps to the plate, strike one. Andrew Mason, the pitcher for San Francisco, throws. "Wack!" The ball is going, going, gone. It's a home run for the Red Sox! Four runs for the Red Sox. No runs for San Francisco. It's the top of the 8th inning. Sam Gedman is up. Strike one, strike two, "wack", the ball is flying high! Is it going to be a homerun? "No!" But it hit the center field wall.

Sam is running hard. He passes first. He passes second. He goes past third. He's safe! Five runs for the Red Sox. Don Greenwell is up. Strike one, strike two, strike three, he's out! Clint Boggs is up. Ball one, strike one, strike two, ball two, strike three, he's out! Josh Armas is up. Strike one boom! The ball goes to Erin Thomson, the second baseman for the Giants.

Erin throws to first. He's out. Three outs for the Red Sox and the Giants are up. It's the bottom of the 9th and Warren Brown is up. Strike one. Wack! The ball is going to Josh Armas, the centerfielder for the Red Sox. And he catches it! He's out! Jay Leonard is up. Tim throws. It's a homerun for the Giants. Sandy Davis is up. Strike one, strike two, ball one, strike three, your out! Andrew Mason is up. Strike one. Wack! The ball is heading to Clint Boggs and he catches it. He's out. 5 to 1. The Red Sox win the world series! As the Red Sox go into their dug out, they congratulate Clint.

by Kyle Moran, Gr. 3

The Sad Day

When I left my other school I was sad. I'm going to miss all of my friends. And I bet they're going to miss me. And I'm going to write to them and they're going to write to me.

They were nice friends and I liked them. And I was good to them. And Newfield was a nice place. I had a lot of friends but I made a lot of friends here. All of my friends here are: Shanna, Marcy, Kate N., Katie C., Caitlin, Jill, Betsy, and my best friend is Mrs. Cousins.

The clouds had my friends in it. And here are my friends in my other school. Missy, Kristin, Josh, Chrissy, Shawna, Melissa. That's all. My other school was small. It only had 5 swings, 3 teeter totters and 1 slide. But I like it here better than Newfield and I just started to write to my other school. And it was sad when I left my friends and all my friends gave me something.

by Katie B., Gr. 3

About the Author

Katie just moved here and started school at EBS. She has a sister who is in first grade. She has a dog and used to have 5 cats.

The Run Away Pumpkin

Once there was a very big pumpkin. Her mother's name was Marcy and of course her father's is Grayson, and her name is Kate.

One day her mother went into her bedroom and she was gone! Her mother got her father and they went to her friends houses.

Her friends said, "I haven't seen her!" and slammed the door.

Chapter 2-They Found Her

Haaaa, finally she was found, and do you know where she was? She was in a cave.

She was lonesome but she was warm and cozy. She had animal friends and trees to keep her cool.

Chapter 3-Safe at Home

Now she was safe in her bedroom sleeping.

Chapter 4-Baby Brother

It had been a year so far. Her mother was pregnant. The baby was going to be a boy. It was going to be born tomorrow.

It was the next day already. The baby was born. His name was Tommy Alan Pumpkin and his sister could hold him.

He weighed five pounds, he was one foot long and he had blonde hair like his sister, and even a green stem.

by Kate Nickerson, Gr. 2

About the Author

Kate Nickerson is seven years old. She likes to write funny stories, like this one.

The Night Before Christmas

One Christmas Eve, Santa was getting ready to bring toys to kids. When he tried to fly, the harness broke! He had no way to get up in the air, the reindeer flew away! So, two angels carried him up in the air. He looked down and saw his reindeer on the roof. He tied his reindeer back up and went down the chimney. He got back in the sled and said "Go, reindeer, go!"

by Melina Wilbur

Thomas Roshto

Vicki Hunt

Jonathan Wakefield

A Poem for a Bear

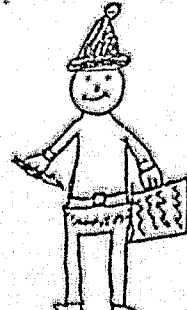
Bear, where have you gone. I've been looking for you for so long. I've looked around the world you see, even in a crooked tree. Then I saw you, but you wouldn't come so I sat down and sucked my thumb.

by Deanna Ryerson, Gr. 3

What is for Tommy?

Once upon a time Santa Claus was making a list of what the kids in the city would get for Christmas. Mary would get a baby doll, little Sarah would get a cradle, Tim would get a huge train set, so would Luke and Erin. Janis and Jen would each get a new watch, and Ben would get one too, but what in the world would Tommy get, would he get something too? Of course he would and it was just what he wanted and that was lots of LOVE!

by Teri Chadbourne, Gr. 2



The Space Crecher Book

There was a boy named Eric. He thought there was a space crecher living next door from him. At night he would see if he was still there. He was there all right.

He was making a snack. He was eating burnt toast and water.

The next day he went back to the crechers house. But he was not there. So he went in the house. He wanted to see if he had any guns. He did. He tried to be quiet. He heard footsteps coming near the house.

He was scared. So he hid in the closet. It was the crecher coming in the house. But you couldn't see him. He put ink on him. For that you couldn't see him.

He was coming in the house. He opened the closet door. Eric screamed so loud he knocked over the gun on the wall.

Eric looked at the crecher. The crecher was very friendly. Eric said hello. The crecher said hello back. Eric asked the crecher what his name was.

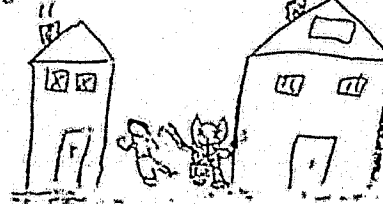
The crecher said, "My name is bloodshot." Eric asked bloodshot if he wanted to go over his house.

Bloodshot said, "Me will come over to your house." Yes said Eric. So they both went over to Eric's house. And had burnt toast and water.

by Jennifer Buck

About the Author

My name is Jennifer Buck. My house is a goldish color and I'm 9 years old. I have 2 birds and 1 ginypig.



Kevin and Santa Meet

One night a boy named Kevin was ready to go to bed at six o'clock, because it was Christmas Eve and he wanted to wake up at eleven thirty.

It was twelve o'clock. Kevin had slept a half an hour later. Kevin went to the kitchen and saw a huge Christmas cake. He took five pieces off. He was going to eat the sixth piece when suddenly he heard a noise on the roof. He went downstairs to see the Christmas tree, but instead he saw Santa Claus. He hid under a table and listened.

Santa said, "I have a feeling Kevin is here."

Kevin thought, OH NO! I'll get caught.

Santa said, "I heard something."

Kevin tried to go upstairs but the stairs squeaked. Santa looked at the staircase and saw nothing because Kevin ran upstairs and hid in the kitchen. Santa went upstairs to eat something. Santa saw a piece of cake on a plate and he saw the cake almost gone. So he snapped his fingers and the cake was all there complete with the missing pieces! Santa went down stairs and went up the chimney. Kevin went to bed.

In the morning, Kevin woke up and his family woke up, too. They went downstairs and they opened the gifts.

by Joey McLain, Gr. 5, CPS

If For Every Rainbow

As the gates closed behind his wandering soul, separating him and her forever, she reached out and touched him, acknowledging the fact that this was their last moment together on earth. Maybe someday, and God knows where or when, in another life, maybe, then and only then, would they ever meet again.

She listened carefully as he uttered his last words, "If for every rainbow..."

The opening line of her favorite poem seemed dull, yet full of meaning coming from her now dead husband's dry throat and through his colorless lips....

She couldn't bear the sight of him; helpless, lying in the hospital bed, looking innocent and, well, dead.

She turned and looked through the huge window at the far side of the room. She saw a blue sky, sunshine, rain, and a rainbow. Tears welled up in her eyes and streamed down her cheeks as she somehow managed to leave the room, her... what used to be... her husband, and memories, oh so many memories.

Heather Davis, Gr. 5, CPS

Jessie's Crazy Book

One day in a far off galaxy there lived a girl who was getting ready to have a date with Toni, her boyfriend. Her name was Tanay. She had spiked hair and purple and yellow earrings that glow in the dark. Toni had a purple and red limosine. He lived in a mansion. He had a limosine for every day in the week. For their date, they went to see TOP GUN and had popcorn and soda. Then they went to the mall and they both got new suits to wear to the dance tomorrow night.

Toni took Tanay home. She discovered that she had left the lights on in her house. That surprised her! The next day, Tanay was getting into her new dress when she heard a strange sound. It was the horn of the new limosine.

Toni was in his new suit which was a green, purple and red punk suit. Tanay's suit was orange, red, green, yellow and black.

She ran out to meet him in her new suit with yellow shoes and she hugged Toni.

They went to the dance and had a new kind of soda. It was called Coke. They enjoyed Coke and dancing. Then Toni took Tanay home and then Toni went to Quane's house. Tanay went to Shaney's house. Then the two boys came to Shaney's house and they all went to another dance.

They had some more coke and popcorn and went to a different movie. Then they went back to Shaney's house and everybody went home to bed.

by Jessie Wight, Gr. 3 CPS

About the Author

My name is Jessie Wight. I am nine years old. My birthday is November ninth. I was born in 1979. I have eight pets and one brother. I also have a Pogoball.

The Day Violet's Little Brother Ran Away

One day Violet was playing with her little brother and sister when Violet's little brother ran away.

They were playing hospital, and Violet's little sister, Ann, was the patient and her little brother and Violet were the doctors.

The reason why Violet's brother, Bob, ran away was because he did not want to be the doctor.

Violet said to help her, and Bob did not answer. So, Violet looked up. She did not see Bob, so she picked up Ann and ran into the house. She told Mom and Dad that Bob had run away. Violet and Dad ran out to look for Bob, while Mom took care of Ann. Violet and Dad did not find him.

The next day Dad and Violet went to the store to buy some food for lunch, and they found Bob! They were glad to see him, and he was glad to see them, too.

Nobody ever ran away again!

by Melinda Hale, Gr. 2

The Test

One windy fall afternoon, on Park Avenue, in Albany, New York, Aaron Paul was walking home from Andrews Middle School, carrying his books; one of them containing a test to make up for the meanest teacher in middle school.

Then a Blue Bird Tour Bus came to vision. Aaron watched the bus drive by, not knowing that his test blew out of his book! Aaron reached his house. It looked like everyone was home. Agatha, his little sister with red hair, braces, and looking fat, was doing homework on the couch. Aaron walked into his room. It was quite big, had transformers wallpaper and a rug. He sat down at his desk in the corner. He started looking for his test. Aaron couldn't find it. So he back tracked.

He finally got to the place where the bus had been. There it was, in the road. Aaron sighed with relief. He ran out to get it when a car was coming...then, reflexes on the ball, he jumped out of the way. As the car went on to the street, his test took a turn. Aaron followed it, right onto his teacher's doorstep. Aaron froze in silence. Suddenly, his teacher came from around the house. She noticed Aaron and said...

"Oh, hi," in a polite voice.

"I-I-I-I was..."

"Well, well, speak child!"

"My test blew out of my book and over here."

"Oh..."

"Yes..."

"Well, get your silly test and be on with you!"

Aaron grabbed his test and ran. When he got home, Aaron worked on his test for hours on end. Then finally Aaron finished his English test.

The next day Aaron had to go to school. He turned in his test after class. As he walked out, the teacher said, "Aaron, please come here!"

Struck with surprise, he obeyed.

"You flunked your test."

Suddenly his alarm buzzed. It was morning!

Nancy Morgan, Gr. 5, CPS



The Little School House

Once upon a time, there was a little school house. It was in Brunswick. A little girl and a boy lived in it by the valley that was near the woods.

The next day it was very stormy and to think they just got done painting the schoolhouse.

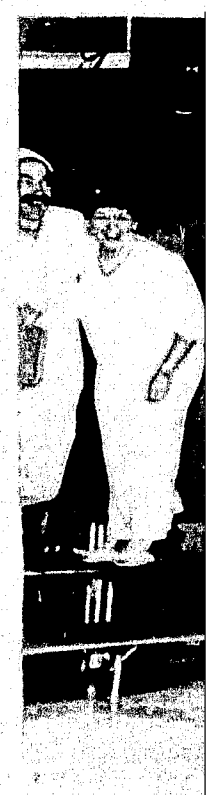
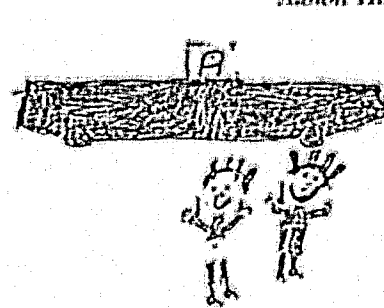
When the storm stopped, they had some popcorn and juice. When they got up that next morning there was water all over the place.

"Oh gee there's water up to my neck. Oh my there's water up to my thigh..."

Then this great wind came and blow down the schoolhouse. The boy and girl was very sad and cold. They started to think about how they missed the schoolhouse.

A big wolf came and scared the kids into the woods where the big monsters lived and they were scared and frightened so they ran and ran but they could not get out of the forest. Then the monsters got closer and closer and gobbled them up. Yum! Yum!

Albion Hill, Gr. 2



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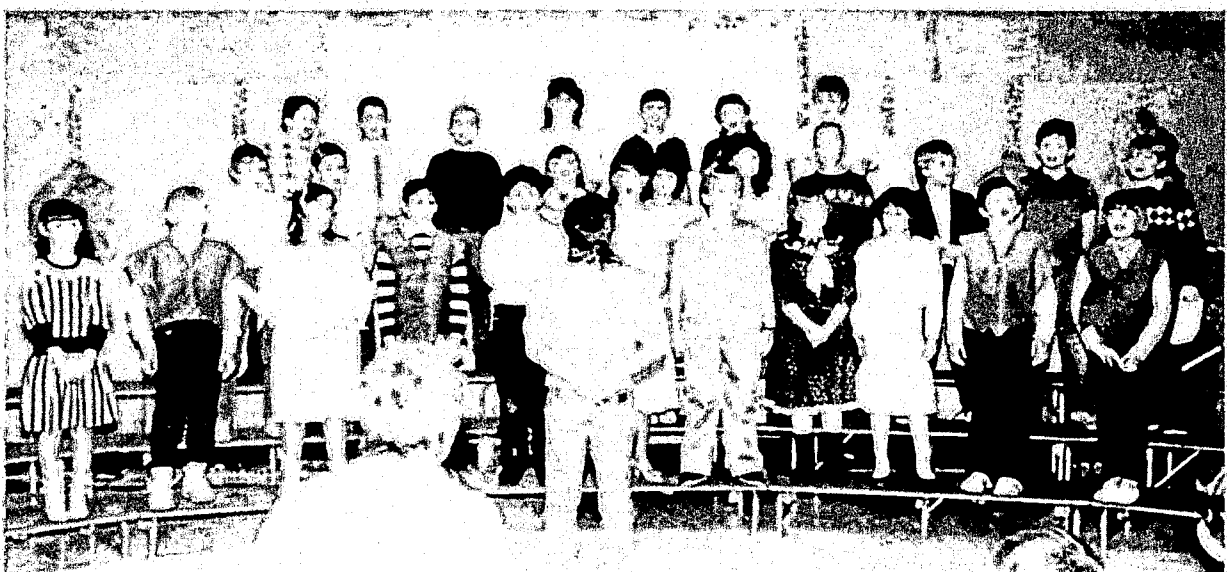
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TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, and the staff of Andover Elementary School were having a good time putting on a skit for parents, students and friends at last Thursday's Christmas concert at the school.
(Photo by Jeanne Boekma)



GRADES 4-6 AT ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL sang "White Christmas" at the school's Christmas concert last Thursday night at the school.
(Photo by Jeanne Boekma)

Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

May the peace, joy, and love of Christmas remain with you all through the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons, Evelyn Kimball and myself were in Gorham, N.H., Tuesday.

Tommy Lincoln and little girls Jennifer and Rachel, of Hingham, Mass., were at the Lincoln home a couple of days this week. They paid me a visit Thursday. Mrs. Denise Lincoln has also been up recently.

Brandon Salway came home from U.S.M. Friday for their Christmas-New Year vacation.

David Salway was in Auburn-Lewiston Thursday visiting daughter Kasi and doing some shopping. Norma was down there Friday evening.

Mrs. Evelyn Kimball and myself were in Rumford Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Salway, of Lacombe, N.H., were visitors Saturday of the Dave Salways.

Happy Holidays!

Alma Hewey is spending a few days with her daughter, Louise Powell Hale, because of illness to be near Rumford for doctor appointments.

Marion Ladd, Rumford Point, called on Dorothy Elliott on Sunday.

There were no mini bus riders to Rumford on Wednesday.

Gertrude Hutchins, Flora Whitten were shopping at the Abbott Plaza on Tuesday and had lunch at McDonalds.

Norman White was in Rumford for doctor appointment on Friday.

Gertrude Hutchins was shopping with granddaughter Deanna on Thursday.

The tenants at Elderwood Manor enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Mystralls Dec. 17. Santa arrived with a "Ho, Ho, Ho" with goodies for each one.

Gifts were exchanged, games were played and a delicious lunch served.

Thought for the day: Wear a smile and have friends: scowl and have wrinkles.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Calvary Congregational Church: Meditation: Psalms 16:11 "Thou Wilt Show Me The Path Of Life"

Morning hymn of praise "Angels from The Realm Of Glory."

Reverend Donald Grover's message last Sunday, "Christmas Message" Luke 2:1-20, The choir sang "Three That Chime Dinn."

Missionary Moments, Letter from Dr.

Highway death totals exceed 1986's figures

The Maine Highway Safety Commission reported an 11 percent increase in fatalities so far this year as compared to last. Highway officials urged people to use caution through Christmas and New Year's.

From Jan. 1 through Dec. 11, there were 218 highway fatalities on Maine's roads, compared with 195 for the same period last year, highway officials said. This is particularly alarming because the Christmas and New Year's holidays are ahead, a two-week period when the fatality rate is highest nationwide.

Several variables will influence whether this trend of higher fatalities will continue through the holidays, but Richard E. Perkins, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative, cited alcohol as the biggest single factor. "More social functions are attended where alcohol is served than at any other time of the year," said Perkins. "This increases the number of people drinking and driving."

Other factors Perkins noted were weather, road conditions, and miles driven, which is expected to increase because Christmas and New Year's fall on long weekends.

Last year, eight people died between 6 p.m., Dec. 24, and midnight, Jan. 1, on Maine's highways. Three were in alcohol-involved accidents.

The Maine Highway Safety Commission has the following suggestions to make travel safer over the holidays:

1. When attending a social function where alcohol is being served, know when to say "no."

2. Wear your safety belt and make sure others do the same.

3. Slow down when traffic is heavy or the weather causes hazardous road conditions.

Harold Duff, intended speaking engagement, Nov. '88, Christmas Is A "Holy" Day not A Holiday.

God's Gift Upon His Tree
The first great Christmas gift to men was hung upon a tree. It was not by a fire, where only those could see. Who were near to kin of friendship and gifts exchanged would be. But out upon a mountain side for all the world to see.

Dec. 30 Rock-A-Thon for teens. 8 hours of rocking. Needs sponsors. So much an hour. Some are giving a penny, nickels, dimes, quarters, fifty-cents and a dollar. Money goes to buy bibles for those in need and church pews. Sign up at bulletin board. Who knows, maybe your generosity will save a soul.

West Greenwood

By CAROLYN COLBY

Denny and Rita Wilson have returned from a two-week vacation in Florida.

Tuesday evening, Mona Lowe attended an employees' Christmas party at Ledgewood. Wednesday she was in North Conway visiting Katrina Lowe. Thursday she was at the home of Mrs. Paul Corson for a Christmas party with former Ledgewood co-workers, and James Lowe went with Mona to a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Aderly, in Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Emery, Westbrook, visited Joe and Muriel Gilbert one day last week. They expected their daughter and husband, Jean and Al Collet, Standish; granddaughter Michelle Collet, Gray; granddaughter Debbie Lange and her two children, of North Windham, for dinner on Saturday.

Saturday evening the Boy Scouts are having (will have had by press time) a Christmas party at Telstar, which will include sliding and a Chinese auction. Afterward they're going swimming at Mollycokel, not only for the fun of it, but also so some of them can meet some of the requirements of advancement.

Merry Christmas to all of you.

East Bethel

By MYRA FOSTER

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parody and James Crowley of Millford were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines.

Mrs. Agnes Haines, Mrs. Floribel Haines, Mrs. Lillian Bartlett and Mrs. Peggy Coolidge attended the Senior Citizen's meeting at Bethel Inn on Dec. 9. They also attended the dinner put on by the Rotary Club on Dec. 14.

Mrs. Chester Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier, Ryan, Danielle and Jerry attended a Cub Scout meeting recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bernier, of Upton, gave a talk on old times, and showed various tools etc. as well as explaining how ice cutting was done and wood cutting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of Andover took me to the doctor's on Dec. 8 where I found out that I had viral pneumonia, so I've been "house bound" since. I go Dec. 18 for an x-ray to see if the pneumonia has cleared. That's the reason for no news last week.

Brent and Teresa McCarthy, of Augusta, and Jo Hartigan, of Starks, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chappie.

A very Merry Christmas to one and all and many more of them.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and your prayers during our time of sorrow. May God bless you.
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The Bethel Fire Department has been planning for the eventuality of another flood like last spring's April 1 inundation. The department would like to add to its list of resources any small 12-16 foot boat stored in a fairly accessible location. If you have such a boat and would be willing to make it available in the event

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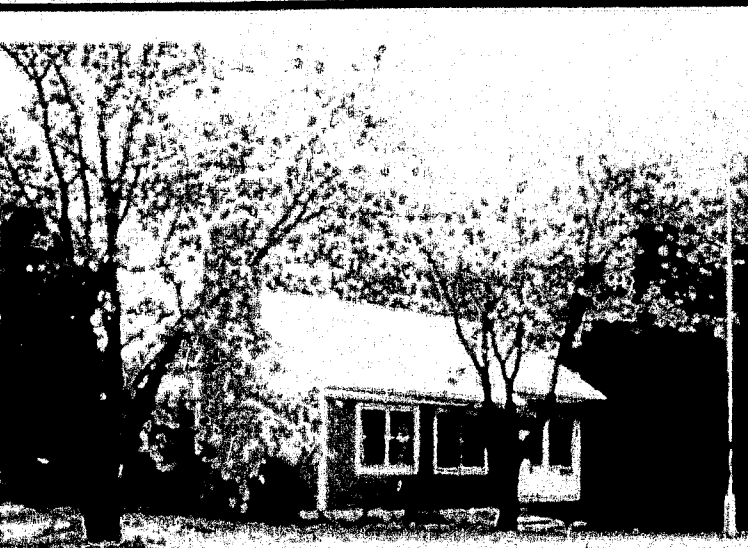
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WITH THE EBS-CPS GIVING TREE are, in front, left to right: Kindergartners Christopher Dutcher, Stacey Walker and Chuck Johnson; in back: Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Salway, 3rd-graders Alicia Taylor, Karen Wheeler, Monica Bean, and Dareth Howard surrounding Mrs. O'Meara and flanked by Mrs. Descoteaux.

(Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

EBS/CPS Kids' World

Crescent Park and Ethel Busbee children and families are sharing their Christmas spirit in a big way.

The two schools have participated in a Giving Tree this year. Planned and organized by teachers Elizabeth O'Meara, Norma Salway and Rachel Descoteaux, this program has collected many toys, games, and books to be shared with families who need help at Christmas.

We are thrilled with the enthusiastic support that families have given this project!

Merry Christmas from Ethel Busbee/Crescent Park staff!

On Thursday, Mrs. Barry's 5th-graders joined Mrs. Salway's Kindergartners for a special writing project. Kindergartners dictated stories to 5th-grade "buddies." Afterwards, a share circle was held, with 5th-graders reading aloud.

Keith, Monica and Amanda, 4th Grade students of Mr. Hoy, have received responses from penpals in other states. Boxes of rocks, letters and pictures have come in from Tennessee, Nebraska and

WEST PARIS SENIOR CITIZENS

The West Paris Senior Citizens held their monthly meeting Dec. 1, with 33 persons in attendance.

The usual tasty potluck dinner was highlighted by a Christmas ham (courtesy of Doris and Bill Slattery) after which entertainment by the Market

Florida.

Mrs. Wight's 3rd-graders have been studying Christmas customs of other countries. They'll be celebrating Mexican style Tuesday with the breaking of the pinata.

Mrs. Gilbert's 4th-graders learned how to make stained glass windows from volunteers Mrs. Wight and Mrs. Bowie. Each student made his/her own creation using black construction paper, tissue paper and cellophane. The stained glass creations are hanging in the classroom window and add beauty to the room and season.

Harvey's Second Hand Shop THIS, THAT & THINGS Route 26, south of Bethel Open 7 days a week, 824-2576

Square Barber Shop Quartet was enjoyed. Christmas gifts were exchanged by the members.

Nominations of the following people were accepted by the membership for officers for 1988: President Harry Besett, Vice President Mary Knights, Secretary Doris Lawrence, Treasurer Evelyn Chamberlain, Reporter Lois Ellingwood, Entertainment Olga Gellatly, Sunshine Lena Kangas and Chaplain Avis Ellingwood.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 5, at which time the new officers will be installed. A potluck dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by "in-house" talent.

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By GLADYS KILGORE

A Merry Christmas to everyone. Mrs. Hazel Hodgson and her sister, of Rumford, visited several elderly people Thursday and brought us all gifts. They work for the Androscoggin Health Center.

Mrs. Paul Barnard, of California, is here for a few days with her parents, the Albert Nelsons. She was called home by the death of her uncle Donald Files who passed away Wednesday. Her sister, Mrs. Sharon Traish, is also here for a few days.

Brenda Files and Nellie Hattat went to Lewiston shopping Monday.

My niece, Mrs. Chester Millett, of No. Waterford, visited me Monday.

The phones were all out of order Wednesday morning as we got a heavy snowstorm.

Mrs. Grace Nelson visited her niece in Sweden Wednesday.

Mrs. Edith Holt, of No. Waterford, visited friends and relatives here Wednesday afternoon.

Travel club offers free ski map of New England

Coupons for discounts at 15 ski areas in New England highlight the 1987-88 edition of the free ski guide published annually by the A.A. Auto & Travel Club.

The road map-sized guide features up-to-date information on 65 ski areas, at least one for each state in New England.

David Thibodeau, A.A. president, said the discount coupons in the guide should encourage skiers to visit a variety of ski areas. "With the discounts, skiers can try new trails and save money, too," he said.

Ski areas offering discounts in the A.A. guide are: Camden Snow Bowl, Mt. Abram Ski Slopes and Pleasant Mountain Ski Area in Maine; Berkshires East, Bosquet, Brodie Mountain, Catamount and Wachusett in Massachusetts; Gunstock and Highlands Mountain Ski Resort in New Hampshire; and Ascutney, Cochran, Maple Valley, Pic and Smugglers' Notch Ski Resort in Vermont.

Copies of the guide may be obtained at any A.A. office or by sending a stamped 39 cent, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: A.A. Ski Guide, A.A. Auto & Travel Club, 888 Worcester St., Wellesley, MA 02181.



EXCAVATION HAS BEGUN at Gould Academy for the school's new 15-meter ski jump. Under the direction of ski coaches John Wight and Paul McGuire, there is a resurgence of interest on campus in the sport of ski jumping. This practice jump will enable more students to begin learning the sport.

Tri-Town Rescue

Approximately 25 Tri-Town people enjoyed the annual Christmas party at our barn on Dec. 13. Everyone pitched in on the refreshments, and a gift exchange was the highlight of the day.

Chris Heffley, Tri-Town's training officer and First Aid Instructor for the American Red Cross, has just completed another successful Advanced First Aid course, with six people having passed their final exams. Of these six people, four went on to take the test for Licensed Ambulance Attendant.

Passing the LAA test were Jonathan Haslett, Michelle Blake, George Young and Isabelle Doyon. Those taking the First Aid portion of the course only were David Preble and Tim Farrar.

The Advanced First Aid course is 48 hours long, and is used by ski patrol people, Maine guides, and those who are first-aid people at their places of work, as well as those of us who just want to know some first-aid. With the addition of three hours of classes in oxygen therapy and suction, it fulfills the requirement to become a Licensed Ambulance Attendant.

Congratulations to all six for a job well done, and to Chris Heffley for another successful class.

Training for December will be held on

PATENAUE RECEIVES MEDAL

Army Reserve Major Joseph H. B. Patenaude, the son of Yvonne A. Patenaude, of Gilead, has been presented the second award of the Army Commendation Medal. The award was presented in recognition of meritorious achievement in the performance of military assignments. His previous awards include the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Maj. Patenaude serves as Strength Management Officer with the Headquarters, 94th U.S. Army Reserve Command, Bedford, Mass.

Dec. 30 at Trap Corner, with the topic being CPR. There are several of us who need to recertify on CPR before we can recense in January. If you're one of them, be there!

EMT Paul Beaton and Monica Mann are happy to announce the birth of their son, Patrick Clancy, on Tuesday, Dec. 15. To all of you, from all of us, have a very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Cheers!

Bethel Library acquires math and spelling aids

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Bill Myers very generously donated two each of these learning games to the library because he saw how his own young son had enjoyed and benefited from them.

Ask at the desk if you would like to take home these games. They may be checked out for a week at a time.

The librarians would like to know how your children enjoy using the games. There will be no story hour Dec. 24 and 31. The library will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Rotary Club notes

The guest speaker at the weekly Rotary breakfast meeting at Martha's Restaurant yesterday (Tuesday) was State Rep. Jeff Mills (D-Bethel). He was the guest of Rotarian Rodney Lynch.

Mr. Mills reported that the Workers' Compensation bill passed at the recent special session calls for a cap on benefits to disabled workers as well as a 7-year time limit on payments to permanently (but only partially) disabled workers. The bill also makes re-training mandatory for injured workers. Following re-training, the worker is obligated to accept a job—if offered—anywhere within the state. Should the worker refuse to accept the job, his or her worker's comp benefits would be discontinued.

On the other side of the worker's comp equation, worker's comp insurance costs charged employers are authorized to increase by 4 percent. Mr. Mills said the Legislature had little choice but to approve the insurance cost increase. The alternative, he said, was to lose insurance company coverage.

On other matters, Rep. Mills informed the Rotarians that the chances for making major improvements to the Rte. 26 corridor look excellent if the Governor's proposed 5-cent tax increase on gasoline is approved.

Mr. Mills said the entire tax increase would go to road improvements—the bulk of which would be corridor improvements. He said the Rte. 26 corridor is near the top of the list of corridors to be improved. He said the additional tax would yield about \$20 million a year in additional road revenues.

On other road issues, Mr. Mills indicated he is not in favor of the Maine Turnpike Authority's proposal to raise \$120 million from toll increases in order to make the turnpike six lanes from York to Portland. He said he is suspicious of the authority's figures showing continued rapid increase in usage of the turnpike.

As a member of the Legislature's Transportation Committee, Mr. Mills asked for a complete study to be done on the need for the extra two lanes and the

best method of funding the work.

He said at present the toll charge-per-mile on the Maine Turnpike is lower than the national average, according to the authority. Should the toll increase be put into effect, the charge-per-mile would be about the same as the national average, according to the authority, Mr. Mills said.

He said the southern Maine legislators were the ones backing the authority's request for a wider road. "In my opinion, it's more important to do something about the corridors before putting a third lane on the turnpike," Mr. Mills said.

In addition to the guest speaker, Rotarians were informed by club officials that the doll house raffle had earned over \$600 for the Spanish-American Youth Exchange fund, while the sale of Florida citrus had netted over \$1,000. The program last summer helped bring youngsters from Mijas, Spain to Bethel.

This coming summer the program will send Bethel youngsters (with chaperones) to Mijas. The trip is expected to cost about \$15,000, and the youngsters planning to go are working with the Rotarians on the fund raising. So far, the fund-raising effort has amassed over \$4,000 from the various club projects associated with the exchange program. The next fund-raiser will be a raffle for a trip to Disney World.

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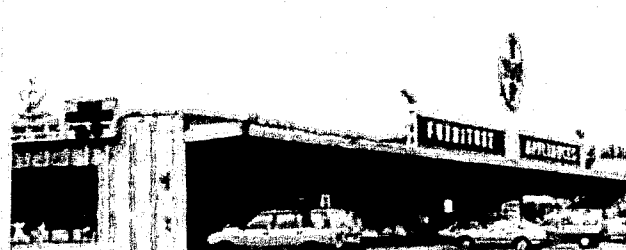
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THOUGHTS FROM THE Pastor's Study

The Bethel Area Clergy Association, with the help of pastors of surrounding churches, brings you these meditations. Not based on any set theme, they will be individual for each pastor. It is hoped you will find in these words, comfort and help for your daily life.

THE REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed tragic to see one of the important days of the Christian faith so commercialized and secularized as we see each Christmas season. One cannot help but wonder if the wise men of ages ago should visit our towns and cities if they would not ask the same question they asked then: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2) So much of the festivities are centered around an unreal mythical personage called "Santa Claus" rather than the real Person whose birth we celebrate. That's why we call it "CHRISTmas," remember? Or is it now, as we so frequently see, "Xmas," with "Christ" crossed out?

Christmas is the fulfillment of God's promise through ages past to send a Saviour for a lost world. Prior to His birth an angel told Joseph that He would be called Jesus because He would "save His people from their sins." This was to be the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us." (Matt. 2:21,22) In other words that God Himself would become a man. This is what Christmas is all about.

In the first 14 verses of the Gospel of John we find further profound truth. John 1:1 tells us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The name "Word" is from a Greek word, "Logos," which means "the expression of a thought or concept." Following on to John 1:14 we read, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us..." a definite reference to Christ, of course. Then in John 1:18 we read further, "No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." "Declared" means to "reveal." That is why later on our Lord could say, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." (John 14:9)

In conclusion, putting all this into some kind of perspective we have learned 1) that the Christ of Christmas was the only person who lived before He was born; 2) that He was the only person born without a human father; 3) that He was the visible expression of an invisible God; 4) that as Saviour He was to die for all who would receive Him as such, and thus receive the gift of everlasting life. (See John 3:16.) This is the greatest of all Christmas gifts. Have YOU received it yet?

Anyway, all this is what Christmas is really all about, the real reason for the Season.

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Exchange students find life at Telstar a learning experience

It takes a great deal of courage for a teenager—even a very sophisticated teenager—to leave home to spend a year living as an exchange student in a foreign country.

Local students sense this, Telstar Guidance Counselor Dan Hart reports. Telstar has enrolled at least two exchange students a year for each of the past three years, and Mr. Hart says the foreign students "are looked at with awe because of the adjustments they have to make and for the risks they take in coming here."

The most obvious risk is no doubt homesickness. "Sometimes I get very homesick," Barbara Jacobs, 18, from the Netherlands, says.

"But then I say to myself that this is a year that I wanted and that I should enjoy—so why not do it?"

Patricia Rios, from Bogota, Columbia, says she was occasionally homesick, but she had a more urgent problem to cope with: understanding the language.

"I studied only two years of English in my country," she says, "so when I first started classes I didn't understand anything. But it's much better now."

Barbara was spared the language problem. She studied English for six years in school and shares with many of her countrymen a taste for British radio and television broadcasts from across the English Channel.

She also attended a three-week language camp in Brighton, England. "I was afraid to actually speak the language until I got to England," she says, "so attending the camp was the best thing I could have done."

If one travels as much to learn about oneself as about the people and places visited, then Barbara and Patricia have no doubt learned much about their own courage and strengths in overcoming the barriers of homesickness and a strange language.

But they've also learned that there's a lot to like about living in this part of the world.

Both quickly say how much they like the people and the small-town environment in Bethel, but it's the tactile realities of things like food and snow that produce the really big smiles.

"I love the food, the candies and the

sweets and especially the things that Barbara [Lewis] bakes," Barbara says.

And Patricia has developed a fondness for an American staple unavailable in Columbia. "I love peanut butter, but you can't buy it in my country."

Although both girls come from milder climates, even the Maine cold is a hit—at least the cold they've experienced so far.

"The cold is nice," Patricia says, "especially when there is snow and then no school." [She also hates Monday mornings.]

And Barbara, who has skied in the French and Austrian Alps, has already bought new skis.

And then there are the social pleasures. Patricia, who will attend one more year at a private girls' school when she returns to Columbia, has discovered American teenage dancing. "In my country it's all calypso and rock—no slow dancing."

When she returns to the Netherlands, Barbara will begin a four-year program at an academy in The Hague for librarians and other information specialists. She'll take back with her an interest in computers that has blossomed at Telstar.

Rick and Barbara Lewis, of West Bethel, are Barbara's host family for the year, while Patricia is living with Mark and Kim Driscoll, of Locke Mills.

Dan Hart notes that the exchange program has so far been a mainly one-way affair. Students from the Bethel area will sometimes go abroad for a summer, he says, but so far no one has gone for a full school year.

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Barbara Jacobs, left, from the Netherlands, and Patricia Rios, from Columbia, have found that despite the difficulties of adjusting to a strange country, there's a lot to like about spending a year in a small town in the Maine mountains. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

Bethel Bancorp posts strong 3rd quarter results

Bethel Bancorp, the parent holding company of Bethel Savings Bank FSB, last week reported second quarter results.

Bank President Jim Delamater announced that net profit for the quarter ending Oct. 31, 1987 was \$247,965, or 47 cents per share. These results are up 266 per cent from the comparable 1986 period. Earnings for the six-month period ended Oct. 31, 1987 were \$430,585, or 81 cents per share, up 178 per cent.

"Management is both pleased and excited about these results," Mr. Delamater said. "We have fully invested the proceeds from our recent conversion and are optimistic about the future of western Maine, which should allow us to continue to add to our asset base." Total assets of Bethel Bancorp are \$51,847,333.

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PLANNING BOARD'S SCHEDULE

The Bethel Planning Board's schedule for the month of January 1988 will be as follows:

On Jan. 6 the board will hold public hearings on a subdivision permit application for Sunday River Estates and a site plan review permit application for the proposed video store in the former Crow's Nest Antique shop, on Rte. 2.

Following the public hearings, the board will discuss its own plans for the future. On Jan. 20, the board will be dealing with a full agenda of developers' plans and permit applications.

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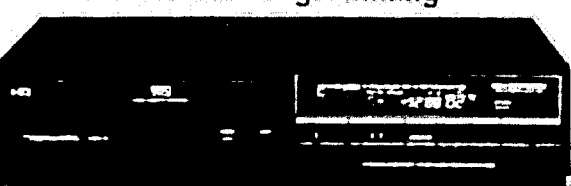
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Hi, SANTA, these Woodstock youngsters said after the jolly old man appeared at the town's Christmas tree lighting last Wednesday night. He arrived on a sled—atop a pulp truck. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

Jerald Mason, who shot a 220 lb. buck 8 pointer, Tim Poland, who got a 130 lb. doe, and Dwayne Poland, with a 75 lb. deer—being the smallest—received awards at the Hunters' supper at West Paris the past week.

Mrs. Joyce Hathaway had a bout with the flu bug but is better and up and going again.

Sunday I made a tour of the neighborhood calling on several people. I should do it more, but I'm so afraid I will be bothering someone, so I don't. That's one thing I do well—being there just at the wrong time.

I called on Herman Cole, at No. Woodstock, and found him very cheerful

and feeling as usual. Rebecca had done a marvelous job splitting wood for their kitchen stove. What a good helper she is.

Mrs. Ruth Barnett and daughter, Zilla Morse, called on me Monday afternoon from So. Paris. I enjoyed my visit with them. They hadn't been up for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brooks, Esther Davis and I attended the Christmas Party at the new gym held by the Historical Society Saturday night. Potluck supper was served before the meeting and program.

Esther Davis attended two more parties this week. Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m., she was at the Christmas party of the members of the Tri-Town Ambulance Group. Others who attended were Mrs.

Roger Benson and boys and Clara Wilson. In the evening Esther went to the supper and tree at the Universalist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Turk are having a house built on the left side of the Curtis Hill Road near Dennis Poland's twin.

They hope to get into it before long. Peggy Turk is the 1-4 grade teacher at the Forestside School. The upper grade teacher is Frank Stahl there. They have 32 students in the school now.

Everyone is busy with parties, cooking and shopping. Time is becoming short.

Our Grange tree will be on Monday, Dec. 21 at Bryant Pond.

Telstar hoop teams face an uphill battle

Although the players and the fans show no signs of giving up, the fact remains that it has not been a good year for Telstar hoop teams.

With the midpoint of the high school basketball season fast approaching, Telstar's boys' and girls' high school varsity basketball teams have yet to post a victory.

"It's typical Telstar basketball," said Levi Brown, the school's athletic director.

"For some reason—and Mt. Abram and Sunday River are two good ones—the kids in this part of the country just don't seem to play a lot of basketball. If they do play at school, they probably pick the ball up in November and put it down in February. No one plays through the summer."

In the 19 years the school has had a basketball program, the Telstar boys' team has had only one winning season, according to Mr. Brown. The girls' team has never had one.

"If you go 20 miles in any direction there have always been strong programs," he said. "But in Bethel, kids just don't seem to play basketball. If you walk up the streets in town, you never see hoops set up."

In addition to competition from skiing, he said, the middle school and high school programs are severely hurt by the lack of serious feeder programs at the elementary level.

Andover has had a program for some time, and the Woodstock school has more recently started one, Mr. Brown said, "and the results are evident."

"Our physical education program is fun basketball," he said, "but you can really see the difference with the kids from Andover. They just have an entirely different level of skills."

"You need to start the kids younger and convince them that putting in the work will produce results," he said. "Right now too many kids get tired of losing and just drop out of the program."

In the athletic director's view, the problem is definitely not lack of effort or hustle. "If you take a look at a game in the fourth quarter—especially a girls' game—you'll see our kids really killing

themselves, out-running and out-hustling the other team. But when it comes to putting the ball through the hoop, they just don't have the skills."

"If the program is going to be any kind of a program at all, we've got to get people who are willing to go down into the elementary schools and push basketball," he said. "They've got to teach real skills, not just babysit."

Boys' Basketball Coach Jim Lunney agrees on the lack of adequate feeder programs, but he also points to the problem of getting enough time on the practice court.

"With the 6th through 12th grades all here at Telstar, there's just no way to give all the teams enough gym time. The middle school kids are cheated out of court time and it shows in their skill development," Coach Lunney said. "The fundamental basketball skills of kids coming out of the middle school are well behind those of kids coming out of other middle school programs."

Mr. Brown said there has been no talk of dropping the basketball program, at least in part because it is such an inexpensive one to offer.

"It costs about \$100 a year for uniforms. So even when you add in travel and referees, you've still got a pretty cheap program."

And with all the program's problems, Coach Lunney is still cautiously optimistic about his team's chances of pulling out some victories this season.

Telstar has returned to the tough

Notes from the Woodstock Historical Society

We have a bit more material on the Bryant Pond Conservation Camp. It was given to the Maine Fish and Game Association by a Portland widow, Mrs. Waterhouse, and was to be known as the Waterhouse Memorial, in honor of her late husband.

The main structure originally cost \$30,000 and had 16 rooms. The whole estate was called Cranstone and included many buildings besides the stone house. In all, the property covered some 60 acres. Much thanks to our Research Committee for this useful information.

The Society has ordered some literature on museum organization for our reserve library.

Thanks to Ruth Cox for doing much fund-raising and to Kathleen Bean for her fine piano playing. Also, thanks to SAD #44 for use of the new school for our meetings. We plan to hold our winter meetings there this year.

Mountain Valley Conference, and no longer plays the weaker independent teams that often provided victories in the past. "But I think that we can be competitive with teams like Mexico and Leavitt," he said. "We've got a quick team. If we can get into a Christmas tournament and get some more playing time over the vacation, we'll do OK."



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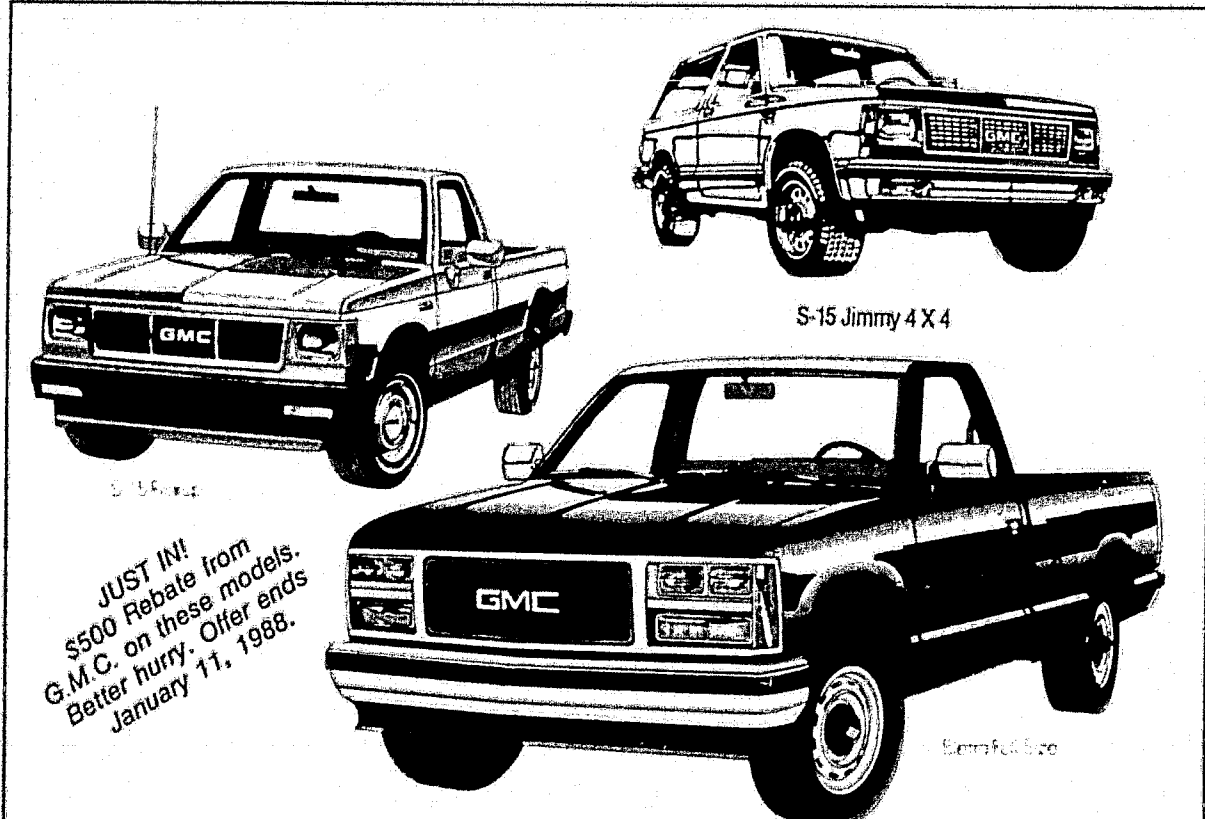
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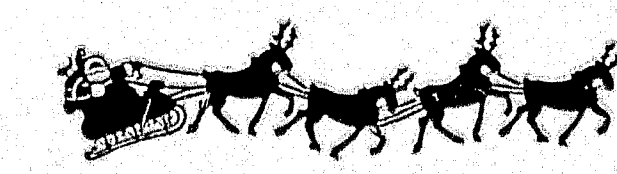
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AT GOULD ACADEMY'S "LUCIA" Christmas program, Penny Durcillova, from Macedonia, Yugoslavia, portrayed Lucia, with a halo of candles on her head. Amanda Wright (left), of Bethel, also took part.

St. Lucia ceremony held at Gould Academy

Last week a Swedish Christmas custom was once again re-enacted for the students at Gould Academy by K. Clough, wife of Headmaster William P. Clough III.

Mrs. Clough was born in Stockholm, Sweden, and is a graduate of Colby-Sawyer College, in New London, N.H. Lucia, meaning light, came from Syracuse, Greece, where she was a saint during the times of the Christian persecution. This legend was merged with one from Varmland, a province in western Sweden. There it is related that during the time of great poverty, a young woman appeared as out of nowhere and sailed around the lake in a huge ship filled with food, which she distributed to the starving people. Now Lucia appears throughout Sweden on Dec. 13, the date of the old midwinter solstice.

In the home, Lucia is portrayed by a daughter who is dressed in long white robes with a crown of lighted candles in her hair. Her younger brothers and sisters are also dressed in white, with the boys wearing tall conical hats; all carry candles. The procession enters their parents' bedroom where father is pretending to be asleep. He awakens to see white-robed figures beside his bed, with one of them seeming to be an angel with a halo of flames around her head and shining golden hair. A traditional Lucia carol is sung and afterwards coffee and special lusse buns are passed around, along with other Swedish cookies.

This year, the students and faculty sat in the darkened auditorium while the choir sang Christmas carols. A procession of faculty children, led by Gould senior Penny Durcillova, a student from Macedonia, Yugoslavia, then entered.

X-C SKI RACE AT CARTER'S

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Bolter's Mills United Methodist Church
Bolter, Maine
Pastor: J.W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
(Church School, 10:00 a.m.)

South Waterford United Methodist Church
South Waterford, Maine
Pastor: J.W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 9:30 a.m.

North Waterford Congregational Church
North Waterford, Maine
Pastor: J.W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Oxford County United Parish
Rev. Nancy Taylor
East Stoneham Congregational Church
100 a.m. Worship Service

West Bethel Union Church
Rev. Norman Rust, Minister
Phone: Church 826-2525; Home 583-4668
Parish Day Wednesday
Mrs. Neta Littlefield, Organist
Mrs. Rodney Kimball, Custodian
Morning worship and Church School, 9:15 a.m.
Nursery provided for pre-school children.
Chapel Aid, second Wednesday evening at 7:30

Locke Mills Union Church
Silver Leamon, Interim Pastor
Richard Melville & Leland Dunham
Co-Head Trustees
Mrs. Richard Melville
Organist and Choir Director
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (October-May)
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., TOBS
Second Wednesdays, Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
Third Wednesdays, Ladies Circle, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Choir practice at the home of Beverly Melville.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
Flat Road, West Bethel
826-2823
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 3 to adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Babysitting for children through age 5
Wednesday: Choir practice, 8 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Those needing information or rides to church activities, please call Maureen at 624-2949.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Lunwood Hazzard, Pastor
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Thursday: Awana Club: K-Gr. 2, 2:30-4:00, Gr. 3-12, 6:00-8:00

West Paris Baptist Church
Jonathan Haskell, Pastor
Tel. 674-2920
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School (nursery care for pre-schoolers during worship)
First Wednesday of each month: Trustees/Deacons, 7:00 p.m.
Second and fourth Wednesday of each month: Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:30 p.m.; Fellowship refreshments, 8:00 p.m.
Third Sunday of each month: 5:30 p.m. supper and service at 6:30

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Andover
Rev. E. Marquette Churchill
Phone: Church 392-4678; Home 392-3881
Organist: Linda B. Dyer
Choir Director: Ann Bishop
Sunday School & Services: 10:00 a.m.
Margaret R. Madigan and Maryanne S. Bartlett
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at C.E.B.
Ladies Aid: Every other Tuesday at noon
C.E.B.
Friday: Adult choir practice: 7 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 5, Andover, Maine
Donald Grover, Pastor
Mrs. Edna White, Pianist
Helen Grover, Choir Director
Margaret Stettin
Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Praise, 7:30 at the church
Choir rehearsal, 8:30

Albany Congregational Church
Rev. Norman Rust, Minister
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COMMERCIAL SPACE—Main Street units available. Space available after October 15th, plus units to be renovated to meet tenants' needs. Call July Realty 824-2114. 39f

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT—in town, 2 floors, wood stove and private deck. References and security deposit required. Call 824-2465 after 4 on weekdays. 51f

HOUSE FOR RENT—Bryant Pond. Mostly furnished, 3.4 bedrooms, wood oil furnace. Available January 1. Call 824-3383. 51-52p

Wanted

WANTED TO BUY: A painting by the late George Trill of Locke Mills. Lee Swan, Newry, 824-2124. 51-2

RENOVATION WORK AND NEW CONSTRUCTION. References. Call Steve Rhodes, 824-3557 evenings, 824-3412 days. 45f

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TEXAS REFINERY CORP. needs mature person now in Bethel area. Regardless of experience, write A.D. Hopkins, Box 711, Fort Worth, TX 76101. 51

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Lillian Lowell

Lillian Lowell promoted at Bethel Savings Bank

Lillian Lowell has been promoted to teller supervisor/loan processor of the Rumford office of the Bethel Savings Bank FSB.

Mrs. Lowell started her banking career in Montreal, Canada, in 1967 as a savings clerk for the Bank of Montreal. Shortly after, she transferred to the administrative department of the senior vice president's office as receptionist/secretary for the next six years.

She joined the Bethel Savings Bank FSB in the spring of 1976 as a teller and went on to work as secretary for the president, receiving a background in loans, collections and new accounts.

After a leave of absence in 1981 for the birth of her second child, Mrs. Lowell returned to the teller line in September of 1983. She was promoted to head teller in June of this year.

Mrs. Lowell has attended bank-related seminars and has completed several courses offered through the American Institute of Banking.

Mrs. resides in Newry with her husband and daughters.

West Bethel

By HARRIETT STOWELL

Philip and Juanita Korhonen entertained family members at both post-Thanksgiving and pre-Christmas parties this past week while their son and wife were here from Florida. At the post-Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bernier, Laurie Bergeron and Joseph, all of Upton, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bernier, and Eric, North Waterford, and Alan and Heidi Korhonen, of Lakeland, Fla.

At the pre-Christmas gathering, all the family was able to be present except David, who is in Guam. His Christmas package home was opened, however, and among the "exotic" goodies there was a can of banana blossoms and green jackfruit!

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert were in Shirley, Mass., this past weekend taking Christmas gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stowell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Lovejoy attended the Christmas party at Jackson-Silver American Legion Post last Thursday evening.

Colonel Charles Buttmore (U.S.A. Ret.) and his wife, Patricia, have returned to the Bethel area for the winter, following a summer spent on their yacht, Charles Angel, out of Olympia, N.C. The Buttmores will be staying in a suite at the Pleasant River Hotel. They plan to spend the coming months perfecting their turns and pulling light logistical duty at Sunday River Ski Resort. They will be joined for the season by Benji, Terrier errant.

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From the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce directors met Dec. 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Casco Bank.

The advertising committee gathered enough support this year to put a full-page, four-color ad in the Maine Publicity Bureau's "Maine Invites You" publication.

The Reservation Service is doing very well for its first year. It's important for each innkeeper who belongs to the service to keep Cathy updated on room availability. Things have gotten quite busy so that a second, part-time employee is needed. Anyone who is not a member and would like to become one please contact the service at 824-3585.

The office has changed its hours of coverage to Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., in order to best serve the public.

The Labor Committee on Child Care is taking a survey of child care needs and will work with the 10 largest employers in the area to see if any are interested in helping to establish child care programs in the area.

The Economic Survey Committee will start focusing on the various sectors that make up the local economy, beginning with restaurants and food services. Adult Ed programs, such as serving alcoholic beverages, will be something to look forward to this year.

Executive Director Robin Zinchuk and President John MacMunn have been visiting with the selectmen of the various towns to get their views on what they would like to see the chamber work on.

The Boston Ski Show was well attended in November.

Winter Carnival will be Feb. 6-12, 1988. A breakfast meeting is being planned for sometime in January to discuss tax issues.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be Jan. 14, at 7:30 a.m., at the Casco Bank. All interested persons are welcome to sit in on these meetings.

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to the Bethel Fire Department for their prompt response to my chimney fire. Special thanks to Lonnie Davis.

Neil Gilbert

Full-Time Temporary Staff Accountant or Bookkeeper

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Send resume to:

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Town of Bethel

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(Avg. 10 hrs./wk. Max 20 hrs./wk.)

Responsibilities include assisting Planning Board in reviewing and processing Subdivision and Site Plan applications, meeting with developers, attending minimum of 2 Board Meetings per month, recording Board Minutes, maintaining some regular office hours.

Person should have good organizational, public relations, communication and follow-through skills. Some planning related background helpful. Compensation is \$7/hr.

Please submit applications and resume to Rodney C. Lynch, Town Manager, 10 Main Street, P.O. Box 108, Bethel, ME 04217. Applications may be obtained from Bethel Town Office. Deadline for submission of application is 5 p.m. Monday, January 4, 1988. Job description available upon request.

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ABBBIE FOSTER NORTON

The Rev. Abbie Foster Norton, 95, of Dixfield, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1987, at the Veterans Villa Nursing Home, in Canton, where she had lived for 18 months.

She was born in Monticello, July 21, 1892, the daughter of Frank and Lydia Foster. She attended Monticello schools and graduated from East Corinth Academy in 1911. She also graduated from Bates College in 1915, and did graduate work at the University of Maine at Orono. She taught chemistry, biology, Latin, German, calculus and physics in both Maine and New Hampshire high schools for 28 years. She was well known for her work in obtaining scholarships for many Maine youths.

She was an ordained minister of Baptist and Nazarene churches, retiring at age 80. In 1965 she edited and published "Pines and Pioneers," by Francis Smith. She was a long-time member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Christian Civic League, the East Corinth Academy Alumni Association, the Bates Alumni Association, the AARP, the NTRA, the NEA, the MEA and the Dixfield Masteral Association, which she organized in 1926. She traveled widely in the United States, Canada and Europe. She was the widow of Eugene C. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Norton and family resided in Bethel during the 1930s and '40s.

Survivors include a daughter, Lydia Dennis, of Dixfield; a foster son, Fred Goodspeed, of Taylors, S.C.; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Herbertina Brooks.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to WCBH, 1450 Lisbon St., Lewiston, or to the Little League Fund in Dixfield. Memorial services will be held in the spring.

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Community
Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Service, at the West Parish Congrega-
tional Church, Bethel, at 7 and 11 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service, at the Pleasant
Valley Bible Church, West Bethel,
7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 26: Old Time Dance,
at Locke Mills Town Hall, sponsored by
the Greenwood Historical Society, 8 p.m.-
midnight.

Andover Library Hours: Tuesday,
Thursday and Saturday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.;
Thursday, 8 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. Story
hour each Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to
4 p.m. for school children.

Bethel Library Hours: Tuesday, 1-5
p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m.; 6-8 p.m.;
Thursday, 10-11 a.m. Preschool story
hour, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Satur-
day, 1-5 p.m. Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant
Pond, Tel. 686-2960. Library hours:
Tuesday and Friday, 1-5 p.m.

REACH - Sexual Abuse Helpline,
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AA Meetings at Bethel Fire Station:
Sunday 8-10 p.m., Big Book; Tues-
day 7-9 p.m., Women's Discussion;
Friday 8-9 p.m., Step 12 & 13.

First Wednesday of Each Month:
Purity Chapter #102, OES, 6:30 supper,
7:30 meeting.

First Wednesday of Each Month:
Sons of American Legion, 7:30 p.m.,
Jackson Silver Post #68, American
Legion, Locke Mills.

Every Thursday: Game Party at
Munich-Kellen Post #40, Vernon Street,
Bethel, 6:30 p.m.

First Thursday of Each Month:
Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses
Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month:
Board of Directors of Bethel Area Cham-
ber of Commerce meets at the Casco
Bank, 7:30 a.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month:
Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM

Third Thursday of Each Month:
Windy Valley Snowmobile Club, Club
Room, Newry, 6:30 p.m., potluck, 7:30
p.m., meeting.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jack-
son Silver Post #68, Gore Road, Locke
Mills, 6:30 p.m.

Third Friday of Each Month: Mt.
Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday of Each Month:
Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m.,
Woodstock Historical Society Museum.

Second Saturday of Each Month:
Public supper at Andover Congrega-
tional Church, C.E.B. building, 5:30-8:15
p.m.

First Monday of Each Month: Newry
Community Church Ladies' Circle, 7:30
p.m.

Second Monday of Each Month:
Newry Mothers' Club meets at Swan
Club Room, 7:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday of Each Month:
Munich-Kellen Post, American Legion,
meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club
meets at Martha's Restaurant, 7:30 a.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Each
Month: Bethel Lions Club meets at the
Bethel Lions Den, Main St. Bethel,
hour—6:30-7 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m. and
meeting follows.

First and Third Monday of Each
Month: Bethel Board of Selectmen meet
at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Each
Month: Woodstock Board of Selectmen
meet at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Every Tuesday: Andover Board of
Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6
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Every Tuesday: Greenwood Board of
Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 7
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Every Tuesday: Newry Board of
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THIS WEEK AT THE
Moses Mason House

Over 2,000 persons registered at the
Dr. Moses Mason House during 1987.
These included visitors to the museum,
researchers, school groups and others in-
terested in the history of the area. As
usual, by far the largest group (1,171)
were from Maine. Thirty-six other states
were represented as follows:
Massachusetts (226), New Hampshire
(81), Vermont (186), Connecticut (18),
Rhode Island (18), New York (173), New
Jersey (141), Pennsylvania (81),
Maryland (22), Idaho (5), California
(68), Colorado (15), Arizona (10),
Virginia (17), Illinois (18), Georgia (15),
Texas (10), South Carolina (4), Ohio (44),
Washington (12), Michigan (6), New
Mexico (2), Minnesota (11), Oregon (2),
North Carolina (2), Arkansas (2),
Alabama (2), Indiana (2), Iowa (2), Kan-
sas (2), Nevada (2) and Montana (2). In
addition, there were 18 registered from
Quebec and 16 from Ontario. Other
foreign countries represented included:
Austria (2), United Kingdom (18), Spain
(2), West Germany (17), Switzerland (3),
Australia (6) and New Zealand (1).
There also were 18 from the District of
Columbia and two from the territory of
Guam.

The program committee met this week
and expects to be able to announce the
1988 schedule soon.

Contributions to the endowment con-
tinued to arrive. Among the most recent
ones received are those from Elinore V.
Hath, Gilead, in memory of Archie and
Nobel Hath; Leslie and Elizabeth
Smith, Bethel; Dr. Donald M. Christie,
Jr., Foughkeepsie, N.Y. There is still
time to contribute to the 1987 campaign
goal. Contributions should be sent to the
Society, P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04817.

Membership in the Society continues
to grow. Among the newest memberships
are those of Helen Philbrook, Augusta;
Dale Laplante, Hanover; Lauretta
Russell, Goffstown, N.H.; James D.
Konkel, Portland, is a new life member.

First and Third Wednesday of Each
Month: Bethel Planning Board meets at the
Town Office.

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Month: Bethel Planning Board meets at
Tekstar Regional High School, 7 p.m.

Items for the December Calendar may be
sent to the Town Office or mailed in or pho-
ned to the Bethel office. The deadline for
items is Dec. 23. Items should be sent to
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volunteer coordinator for the Community
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BETHEL'S LIVING NATIVITY had two performances on the Common Sun-
day night. The snowy evening was a perfect setting for the enactment of the
Christmas story.

Living Nativity draws
onlookers to Common

The steady snowfall did not deter the
hundreds of onlookers who assembled on
the Bethel Common Sunday evening to
watch the re-enactment of the Nativity.
The falling snow added a quietness to the
proceedings, although a frisky call
brought the snowflakes were things to
play with.

The program was organized by Brooks
Morton, with Robert Hunt and Debbie
Russell, Goffstown, N.H.; James D.
Konkel, Portland, is a new life member.

The Bethel Rotary Club set up and
dismantled the manger and fence.
The cast included: Greg and Robin
Prater, with five-week-old daughter
Naomi, as the Holy Family; Emily Mor-

ton, Lydia Mills and Bethany Ruffon as
the Angels; Bruce Swan, Rick McVey
and John McMillan as the Wise Men;
Monica Rolfe, Deanna Hyerson, Neal
Hall, Wade Laxton, Berky and Jane
Chandler, Faye and Adam Laxton, De-
bbie Swan, Joshua and Stacy Swan, Gar-
rett and Melody Bonner, Leah Bon-
ner, Thomas and Kendra Hulebush,
Becca and Jason Fraser, Cathin Bass,
Caroline Raymond, Nathan and Megan
McVey, Mike Fritz, Richard Duplessis,
Harry and Jared Morton as Shepherds.

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